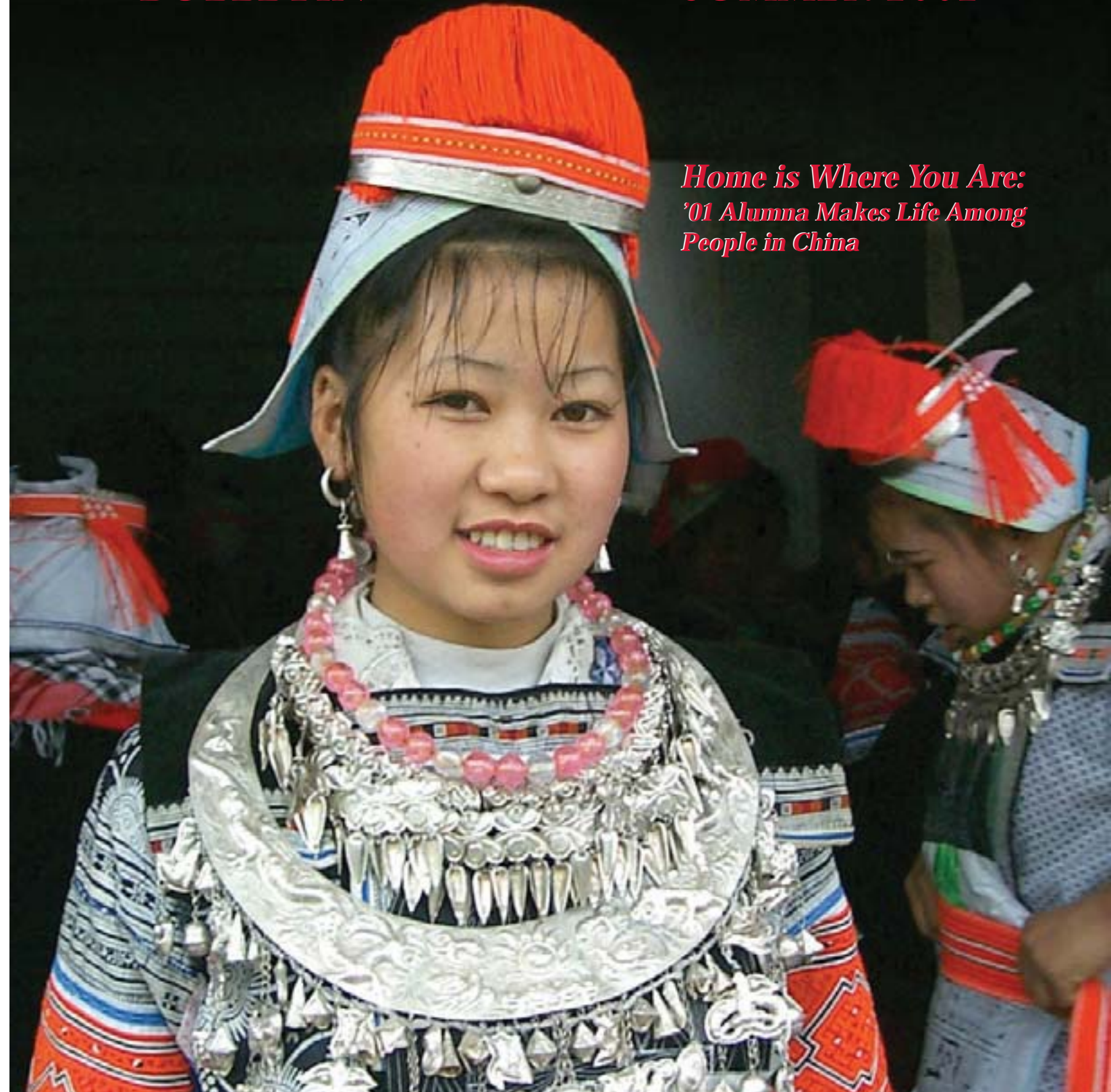


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A Letter to the Editor

I want to thank you for including the article on the work Converse II students are doing through Memories in the Making with the local Alzheimer's Association Chapter.

After I retired from the federal government in 1999, I was my father's caretaker. Dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1998 and died in 2001 from the disease. I am now an active volunteer with the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association serving on the Education Committee and speaking at workplace giving events on behalf of the Association.

Each year, there are auctions of artworks created by patients with Alzheimer's through the "Memories in the Making" program throughout Colorado. These auctions contribute a substantial amount of money to the Association. I did share the article with Jean Boylan, the Memories in the Making Coordinator in Center. I was very proud to be able to bring the excellent work being done by Converse to her attention.

In addition to my work with the Association, I am also a member of the Board of Directors for AWARE (Alzheimer's Women' Auxiliary for Research and Education) which raised money for research into Alzheimer's disease. For the second year, I will chair the Invitation and Program Committee for our signature fund raising event, the "Memories Lost and Found Luncheon." Last year, our luncheon raised \$175,000 for research.

I am awed by the artwork that is created by patients with Alzheimer's and am very proud of Converse for being a part of this. Thank you for sharing this endeavor with those of us who are far away from Converse.

Sincerely,
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from the president



As this magazine goes to press, we have wonderful breaking news! We have just reached and exceeded our \$75 million goal in *The Campaign for Converse: Building for the Future*, a full year ahead of schedule!

Thank you to ALL donors who participated in our efforts, at every level! Without your support Converse would not be making the incredible advances in programs, facilities, and endowments that are underway. A very special thanks also to Bill Barnet, whose tireless and talented leadership as chairman of the campaign contributed greatly to our success, as did the service of our co-chairs Mary Belser '69, Julia Daniels '53, and Susu Johnson '65.

Campaign accomplishments can be seen across campus in our buildings, our programs, and our people. We now have 35 new scholarship funds, the new Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex and Weisiger Center, the Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken Addition to Milliken Fine Arts Center, funding for the Phifer Science and Technology Building, renovations to Daniel Recital Hall and Blackman Music Building, new endowed study travel programs, the Nisbet Honors Program, the O'Herron Faculty Excellence Award, endowed funds for Mickel Library, renovation of Dalton Main Hall of Wilson Hall, and a connector road in the interior of the campus. And more is to come!

We will continue our campaign efforts

through the upcoming academic year. Please read carefully pages 14-17 to learn about remaining needs and how you can participate. This last year of the campaign is the perfect time for every alumna to get involved!

As Converse prepares for a new academic year, we will also begin implementation of our new strategic plan. The planning process began in November of 2000 and culminated in April of 2002 with formal adoption by the faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Trustees. An outgrowth of extensive study involving representatives from all segments of the Converse community, the plan will guide Converse through the 2006-07 academic year. It is designed to position Converse as a strong residential, undergraduate college of liberal arts and music for women that is recognized for its academic excellence, with strong enrollments, and with graduate and other programs designed to meet the needs of the community.

The plan sets forth eight core values, a revised mission statement, underlying financial commitments, and six strategic priorities (see box next page). Out of these grew a set of working goals and objectives to be implemented over the next five years.

We begin implementation of this plan with new academic leadership in our College of Arts and Sciences and Petrie School of Music that will be critical to our success in achieving our goals. Dr. Jeffrey Barker, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, began his duties on July 1. Joseph Hopkins, Dean of the Petrie School of Music, will begin on September 1.



Dr. Jeffrey Barker

Dr. Barker serves as the chief academic officer for the College and dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. He replaces Dean Joe Ann Lever, who retired in June after forty years of service to

Converse, and also takes over the role of Vice President for Academic Affairs from Dr. Tom McDaniel, who has been promoted to the new role of Senior Vice President.

Since 1983, Dr. Barker has served at Albright College in Reading, PA, most recently as chairperson and professor for the college's department of philosophy. He was also director of the Albright Center for Ethics, Law, and Medicine and director of the Accelerated Degree Start Program. Under his leadership, Albright completed a comprehensive self-study and strategic planning effort, which included re-accreditation. Dr. Barker graduated with honors from California State University where he majored in history and philosophy, and earned his master's and Ph.D. in philosophy from Purdue University.

Joseph Hopkins has served as associate professor and chair of the department of music at the University of Evansville in Indiana since 2000, with more than 100 majors and 28 faculty members. Under his leadership, the department revised the curriculum, increased membership in their Friends of Music, created high profile events to raise concert attendance, supported ensemble tours, collaborated with the Evansville Philharmonic, and increased student enrollment. He has taught and performed at the Harlaxton Festival in Grantham, England, the Opera Festival di Roma, and Harlaxton College, and has performed all over the world. He received the Indiana Artist Award from the National Association of Teachers of Singing in 1998 and 2000. His doctorate in vocal performance from the University of Indiana is near completion.

I hope that you will have opportunity to meet Jeff and Joe personally in the near future, and that you will join me in welcoming them to Converse.

With success in meeting the Campaign goal, and as we welcome new academic leadership for Converse, we have the tools in place to take the next step in shaping the future of Converse. I look forward to sharing our progress with you as our efforts unfold.

Nancy D. Gray



Joseph Hopkins



CORE VALUES OF CONVERSE COLLEGE

- Academic excellence in arts and sciences, music, and graduate studies
- Primacy of undergraduate liberal education for women
- Residential learning community for a diverse population of traditional-aged undergraduate women
- The Honor Tradition throughout the Converse community
- Tolerant Christian tradition as expressed in the Founder's Ideal
- Strong student self-governance and vibrant campus life
- A community of scholars who value relationships and celebrate alumnae(i) ties
- Intellectual and cultural leadership in the larger community

MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of Converse College, founded in 1889, is the liberal education of undergraduate women in a residential setting. Converse reaffirms the founder's original conviction that a small undergraduate residential college of the liberal arts is a uniquely powerful environment for developing the talents of women. As a community of scholars, where students and faculty pursue excellence and collaborate in the search for truth, Converse develops in students scholarly excellence, personal honor, confidence, and skills to be life-long learners. The College draws much of its character from its Christian heritage and welcomes students of all faiths. Converse expands its mission by offering graduate degrees and other programs for women and men. Ultimately, graduates embody the qualities of a Converse education as they assume roles of leadership, service, and citizenship.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Optimize academic and financial success by increasing the quality, number, and geographic diversity of the undergraduate student body.
- Strengthen the undergraduate curriculum and campus life programs consistent with a commitment to a rigorous and transformative liberal education that prepares students to lead, serve, and contribute significantly to their personal lives, professions, families, and communities.
- Develop and maintain the library, technological learning resources, and academic facilities to support academic excellence, accessibility for individuals with disabilities, and administrative efficiency.
- Enhance facilities and provide efficient services that support the academic and residential mission of the College.
- To ensure excellence in all programs, recruit the best faculty and staff, with as diverse a representation as possible, and provide professional development and appropriate compensation to retain them.
- Offer excellent graduate programs in the context of the primacy of undergraduate education and design other academic offerings in response to community needs and opportunities.

Home is Where You Are

by Nicole Johnsey '01



The welfare of others has always been of concern to Nicole Johnsey '01. In fact, during Commencement 2001, she was presented with the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award for having demonstrated exemplary citizenship through positive influence and special achievements within the community. After graduating from Converse, Nicole and a friend left for Guizhou, China to learn about and serve people in nearby villages. Nicole shares her experiences through this 'diary,' which provides a glimpse into the land where she now serves.



Nicole Johnsey '01

One day, my roommate and I set out to visit a village of one of the minority groups here in Guizhou, China. With only one month of language study behind us, we jumped in a taxi and simply pointed to a Chinese character in our tour book. The winding road took us through the mountains and then deeper into the village, where we were greeted by women selling their handicrafts. After we bought a small hat, one lady was eager to ask us to her house. We walked along

narrow pathways, passed by wooden huts, heard the snorts of pigs, and smelled both coal smoke and manure. Stepping over a very tall threshold, we walked into her house and sat on small

stools all strategically placed around a coal stove. Soon, the rest of the ladies who were originally asking us to buy their crafts were inside, just staring at us.

Our hostess pulled out her wedding clothes, including a

hand-sewn jacket, skirt, apron, leg wraps, and hat that she had been working on since childhood. She offered to dress me, and the next thing I knew I was trying to place her beautiful clothes on this body that is at least a foot taller than hers. With laughter and smiles, I wished I were shorter and smaller and less of a stranger among these women. Our limited skills in Mandarin Chinese only took us so far, as most of the women could only speak "Ge Hua," their native tonal language that has never been written. Beyond language, obvious differences in our clothes, bodies, faces, and material possessions seemed to further divide us. However, as they

was walking across Twichell stage with my classmates. I knew at that time that I would be moving here in the fall, but had no idea what lessons and discoveries would accompany the move. From the outside looking in, it would seem that my life here in China compared to that at Converse is as different as night from day. A different schedule, focus, language, and diet have all stretched me in many ways. On some days, they have made me proud to be one who steps out and accepts such a challenge. On other days, the differences have made me want to stay in my bed, call home, and wish that I could just lead a 'normal' life.



"As they began to sing a song for us in their language, I found myself forgetting our differences and just longing to understand..."

began to sing a song for us in their language, I found myself forgetting our differences and just longing to understand what their voices were joining together to sing in such beautiful harmony. That day, only a few months into our journey here in China, I began to release the strain of lifestyle changes I had encountered in China and only longed to be less of a tourist in this land.

It has now been seven months since I left America, but it feels like I have been in China for much longer. Here in Guizhou, it is hard to believe that just a year ago I

But, thankfully, I am slowly being saved from such a mindset that results in either boasting or depression. This salvation is coming as I come to know a certain group of people here in southwest China, called the Ge Jia. I was not even aware that China has over 400 minority groups before I began this journey. Each of these groups has their own individual costume, language, religion, and lifestyle. Some are very large, exceeding 1 or 2 million people while some are fairly small, like the Ge Jia with about 100,000 people. The Ge Jia live amidst



Nicole Johnsey stands with a group in front of a museum in the city Zhen Yuan. The group includes officials from a nearby school where Nicole taught English.

the huge mountains of Guizhou Province in small villages that consist of 20 to 400 households. The Ge Jia have not been given official minority status by the Chinese government, but continue to fight to be recognized. They are a proud people that have undergone much challenge and oppression throughout history. Their survival as a people group is surprising, as they have actually grown in number through the years. A 1965 census stated that there were only 18,500 in Guizhou Province. Their costumes, bright orange and royal blue, continuously set them apart from other minorities in Guizhou, a minority center of China. In the past, the Ge Jia were called “Ge dou” which is a derogatory term, “ge,” whose left radical refers to being an animal and the character, “dou” which means “stupid.” In this century, though, they decided to change



act differently, but just because I am coming to know these people personally, and not just as some strange culture that I read about in a textbook.

As I have met many couples, I have learned how some of them initially met through a festival dance. The “Endearment Dance” is one specific to the Ge Jia teenagers. During the dance, a young man may attempt to step on the feet of the girl that he likes. If the girl returns the affection, she will resist and slap him on his back. Then courtship may begin.

Festivals are a time of courtship as well as religious celebration. The Ge Jia have adopted an eclectic melting pot of Daosim, Buddhism, Animism, and Ancestor Worship. The tribal animism of the past sees the spiritual world as one full of unseen

spirits in order to prevent disease, tragedy, death, and also ensure a plentiful harvest.

Even their costumes reveal the beliefs and issues of significance to the Ge Jia. The women usually wear both their apron and head piece everyday. The headpiece consists of a square of batik fabric that is wrapped around a tight bun on top of their head, then covered with a piece of oval-shaped, flattened silver. For unmarried women, the headpiece has the addition of red tassels to indicate their current status. The skirt they wear has three tiers or strips, the first representing the parents, the second the son and wife, and the third the grandchildren. This serves as a reminder to them that they want to continue to reproduce and have many descendants. Also on the bottom of the dress, the checked design is similar to that of ancient days when the women would write out a map on the bottom of their skirts to help guide them back home after battle.

Things like skirts, dances, fears, death, and marriages take away some of the foreign feelings that I so often struggle with. The more I come to know of these people, the more I realize our similarities rather than our differences. Looking back to my days at Converse, I remember how those four years changed me in drastic



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ways, continuously teaching me to look deeper and search harder until I found the truth I so desperately needed. It is amazing to see that whether in the Upstate of South Carolina or the mountains of southwest China, our hearts are all very much the same. Each weekend, as most Converse girls sought the perfect outfit and tried to look our best, the girls here put on their handmade skirts and dance with big smiles at their own festivals. Just as so many of us dealt with the death of loved ones or challenges back home during those years at Converse, the Ge Jia do all they can to avoid the reality of death and pain. At Converse, a recently engaged girl was wet from being thrown in the fountain, but a Ge Jia girl who has just found her love might be walking around with a sore foot.

Seven months into this journey, I am so grateful to look not only towards where I am going but also back to where I’ve been. It’s a blessing to hold Converse in my heart even as I sit on a small stool in the middle of a Ge Jia village home. No matter where I am, truth is truth and people are people. This journey has convinced me that no matter where or how we live, deep within, we just long to be loved, we hate to be filled with fear, and we want to remember our way home after the battle. 🏠

“Slowly but surely, I do find myself feeling like less of a tourist or one who is just passing through... because I am coming to know these people personally.”



their name to essentially mean “human revolutionaries.” To call oneself a revolutionary makes quite a bold statement. As our language abilities are increasing and we are learning more, I am slowly beginning to know faces, personalities, and stories that further explain these revolutionary people. Slowly but surely, I do find myself feeling like less of a tourist or one who is just passing through. This is not because I now dress or

ghosts, dragons, demons, angels, and spirits representing the afterlife of one’s ancestors or the unseen spirits of trees, animals, bridges, rivers, mountains, heavenly bodies, wells, stones, and valleys. The Ge Jia believe that guardian spirits dwell over their households and protect while evil spirits meddle in their lives. The people claim the need for a shaman for intervention. They feel the need to satisfy and appease evil

seeing is Believing

Converse Creative Writing Program Expands with International Flavor

In recent years, technology seems to have brought the world closer. With the click of a mouse, we can instantly read a London newspaper; a strategically placed Web camera gives us views from the Eiffel Tower in real time; and through satellite television, we can watch a chef in Tuscany prepare authentic Italian meals. But when we turn the screen off, do we really know that much more about the cultures of other countries than we did before? Is seeing a pixelated screen image the same as experiencing a moment?

Professor Rick Mulkey, Director of the Creative Writing Program at Converse, knows the value of experiencing different cultures first-hand. That is why he has added a truly international flavor to the program's offerings. "Travel isn't only about the search for pleasure," says Mulkey. "The author Paul Theroux calls himself an anti-travel writer. What I think he means is that for writers, travel isn't just about vacations, about the flavors and scents of a cafe or restaurant. It is about the total experience. For example, in 1993 my wife (Professor Susan Tekulve, Associate Professor of English and Director of the Writing Center) and I spent eight months living and teaching in Poland. Everything about that time was beneficial because I don't think we quite understood what it meant to be an American writer until we lived in another culture and discovered what other people desired and needed, and what they thought of us as Americans."

Though only seven years old, Converse's Creative Writing Program has grown considerably, with components consisting of a travel program, an intense study of literature from various ethnic groups and nations, and a growing list of visiting writers in the writers series. All of these experiences help

teach students to respect the humanity of the world's citizens, to understand other histories, and accept and comprehend the differences that exist between



Converse students at the Temple of the Vestal Virgins.

cultures. "This type of program offers as many perspectives on the truth as there are cultures and peoples on the globe," says Mulkey.

In the summer of 2001, it was this search for inspiration and a connection to a larger, global culture that brought a group of Converse creative writing students and Professor Tekulve to the vine-draped villas and cobbled streets of Rome for a course in travel writing. Over a period of nearly four weeks, the Converse group studied Italian, practiced the art of Italian cooking, visited many of the historic, artistic and ecclesiastic monuments of Rome, visited with other writers — and wrote.

"Most of us wrote everyday," said Converse writing student Gabrielle Gray '03. "We had conferences about our essays with Professor Tekulve in a local café over lunch."

Professor Tekulve, who is also a published short story writer and essayist, immersed the group in the art of travel writing before they even boarded the plane. "We spent about six weeks in the classroom discussing specific writing techniques and strategies, and looking at different forms of the travel essay," she says. "Because these aren't academic essays, but instead are like the travel essays you might find in *The Atlantic Monthly* or *The New Yorker*, the students had to look at ways to use narrative and description as if they were writing fictional short stories."

The students wrote about everything from travels to the Villa d'Este and its 16th century garden fountains, to a memoir about being a Baptist-raised student attempting to understand her first experience in a Roman Catholic church.

While in Rome, Converse students took in classic sights such as the Coliseum.

"Travel writing is one of the oldest narrative forms in existence," Tekulve says. "When authors write about other places and cultures, they begin to understand their connection to a larger world, but they also begin to understand their own hometowns, their own culture. Living as an outsider, even briefly, can be an awakening experience."

Travel study is nothing new to Converse College. The English Department in particular has been very active for many years in travel programs. Professors Karen Carmean and Charles Morgan have participated in a number of courses in recent years, and Morgan is



Creative writing students visit an Italian lounge.

offering a literature course as part of the upcoming London Term. Professor Tekulve is planning a Winter Term course in Tuscany. "It is very important for our student writers to have an opportunity to step outside their comfort zones," says Mulkey. "The challenges provided by travel study and the lessons learned by a writer who analyzes and deciphers her experiences through the act of writing are priceless."

The writer-in-residence component and visiting writers series have also been aggressively expanded. "Previously, we had only one visiting writer a year. Now we have as many as nine, including a distinguished writer in residence each Winter Term who teaches an advanced tutorial in either poetry or fiction," says Mulkey.

The 2002-2003 writer in residence and visiting writers series indicates how serious the English Department is about providing students with a diverse cultural experience.

The writer in residence this year is novelist and critic Thomas E. Kennedy. A native New Yorker, Kennedy has lived most of the last three decades in Copenhagen, Denmark. "Tom's novels and stories are greatly influenced by the European tradition," Mulkey says. "So he provides our students with a different perspective than a writer who has spent the bulk of their time here in the States. Tom was writer in residence several years ago and the students had an exceptional experience."

Kennedy is not the only international connection for the creative writing program this coming year. In addition, the first visiting writer in the 2002-2003 Coker Visiting Writers series is Antonia Logue, an Irish novelist and winner of the prestigious Irish Times Book Prize for her first book, *Shadow-Box*.

"I think our students and the community will be impressed by Antonia," Mulkey says. "Though she is very young, only 29, she was recently named by *The London Observer* as one of 21 writers to watch in the twenty-first century. She's the real thing. Plus we have several wonderful poets visiting next year."

THE ELIZABETH BOATWRIGHT COKER VISITING WRITER SERIES at Converse College

All events will begin at 7:30 pm in the Cleveland Hall Alumnae House and will be followed by book signing receptions. Admission is free.

ANTONIA LOGUE
OCTOBER 8, 2002

Irish novelist and winner of the Irish Times Book prize for her novel *Shadow-Box*, Logue currently lives in Dublin and New York, writing full-time. She was named one of the *The London Observer's* 21 writers for the 21st century.



HONOREE FANNONE JEFFERS,
JULIA PETERKIN AWARD WINNER
NOVEMBER 12, 2002



Honoree Fanonne Jeffers has won numerous awards, including honors from the Rona Jaffe Foundation for Women Writers, the Barbara Deming Memorial Fund for Women, and the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art. She has been a Poetry Scholar at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. Her book, *The Gospel of Barbecue*, was awarded the Stan and Tom Wick Prize for Poetry in 1999. A second book of poetry, *Outlandish Blues*, is forthcoming in Spring 2003.

THOMAS E. KENNEDY,
THE SARA LURA MATHEWS SELF
DISTINGUISHED WRITER IN RESIDENCE
JANUARY 21, 2003

Thomas E. Kennedy, internationally acclaimed novelist, story writer, and critic, will serve in a month-long residency at Converse. Kennedy is the author of thirteen books, including *Unreal City*, *The Book of Angels*, and *Realism & Other Illusions: Essays on the Craft of Fiction*.



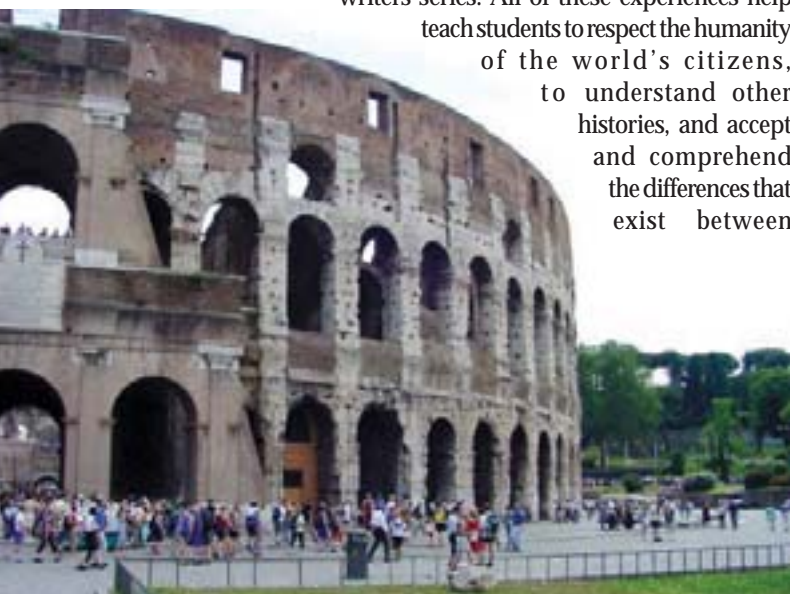
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MARK COX
APRIL 2, 2003

Mark Cox is the author of three books including *Smoulder* and *Thirty-Seven Years From the Stone*. His writing has received a Whiting Writer's Award, a Pushcart Prize, and fellowships from the Vermont Council on the Arts and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. He currently directs the Creative Writing Program at UNC-Wilmington and teaches in the Vermont College MFA program.

TERRANCE HAYES
APRIL 22, 2003

Terrance Hayes is the author of *Hip Logic* (National Poetry Series Selection) and *Muscular Music*, winner of the Kate Tufts Discovery Award and a Whiting Emerging Writers Award. His work has appeared in *American Poetry: The Next Generation* and *Giant Steps: The New Generation of African American Writers*. He teaches creative writing at Carnegie Mellon University.





Left: Dr. Spencer Mathews works with an autistic child in Los Angeles.

Helping Autistic Children Through Behavior Analysis

by Dr. Spencer Mathews, Associate Professor of Psychology

While on sabbatical leave in 1997, I went to UCLA to study the groundbreaking work of Ivar Lovaas and his staff, who had developed early intervention procedures that netted tremendously effective results with autistic children. Historically, 95% of children with this diagnosis have required life-long supervised living arrangements, but 47% (9 out of 19) of the children who participated in the UCLA work were brought to the point within two years where they were able to lead normal lives. They progressed through public school with their age mates and were evaluated as falling within the normal range by testers who did not know that the children had ever been diagnosed with autism or that they had been exposed to specialized intervention.

Upon returning to Converse, I developed a course entitled "Early Intervention in Autism" for the spring of 1998. I was not prepared for the tremendous reaction from parents of autistic children who place great importance upon this kind of intervention. I no longer recall when the first phone call came, but since the spring of 1998 my students and I have responded to parent requests by organizing intervention teams for local children in the Upstate of South Carolina.

When children are diagnosed with autism, they are typically severely developmentally delayed. Usually the diagnosis will not be made until the age of three or later, and at

that time the child will have the repertoire of roughly a one-year old. At that point, two year's worth of developmentally appropriate skills must be taught during each year of intervention in order for the child to catch up. Because children have the best chance to catch up when intervention begins before they have fallen too far behind, teachers are in essence engaged in a race.

The repertoire that we use with the child is not merely an academic one. The child must certainly learn pre-academic material, but that alone would leave the entire social repertoire undeveloped. Therefore, we teach them to converse, to appreciate the rudiments of humor, to recognize when things are silly, and to play. If we succeed, then by age five the child will have the repertoire of a five-year old and can begin kindergarten.

Often we cannot begin intervention until some of the behavioral wreckage that has evolved during the child's first three years is rectified. Sometimes children have learned things that stand in the way of our efforts to teach; things such as avoiding eye contact, or tantrumming when demands are made. A few have learned to engage in



Elizabeth Moore '00 with an Upstate autistic child

self-injurious acts.

A competent intervention involves a team of teachers, each one conducting one or two 2-hour sessions each week. It begins at the earliest possible age, usually three to three-and-a-half. It requires 35-40 hours of one-to-one teaching each week in the home. When all goes well, it takes roughly two years. For best-outcome children, that two-year period culminates in transitioning the child into a normative kindergarten classroom. The home program is then used to troubleshoot academic and social problems that arise in the school setting.

Working with autistic children is usually very rewarding. The style of the intervention is structured such that there are very few opportunities for the child to be incorrect. Being correct earns high-energy approval from the tutor, usually accompanied by a reinforcement (bubbles, M&Ms, tickles, etc.). Being incorrect is typically followed by a flat, informational "Nope, try again" and a repetition of the request. The difference is very easy for the kids to detect and many of them progress rapidly. Early tasks are quite easy: "Come here," "Sit down," and "Look at me." If the child can't do these things, the tutor physically guides him or her through the behavior and then provides a reward. Children typically begin to be affectionate with tutors, which seems to be the one thing we don't have to teach. Their smiles and hugs and laughter are a large part of our rewards.

When the day comes that a child can easily do something that was previously possible only with guidance, it is cause for celebrations within the team. Nothing can compare to having a sensible conversation with a child about some current interest when only 18 months prior he was non-verbal and wouldn't even look you in the eye. Perhaps there is one thing that can compare: observing that child blend so thoroughly with 15-18 normative kindergarten classmates that no observer would identify him as one who once was diagnosed with autism. 🌱

Converse Commencement 2002



Graduates Susannah Johnson, Sallie Legare, Charmisel Williams, and Elizabeth Kremer



Sarah Beth Earnhardt with Tom McDaniel

PI KAPPA LAMBDA AWARD

Sarah Beth Earnhardt '02 was awarded the Pi Kappa Lambda Award. The award is given to the senior with the highest academic record in the Petrie School of Music.

Converse College held its 110th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 25 in Twichell Auditorium. During the service, the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred upon Darla Moore, a national business leader and philanthropist whose name headlines the Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina. Moore also gave the commencement address.

Ms. Moore spoke to the graduates of her career in business, noting the distinct disadvantage she faced as a female from the deep rural South and her ability to turn that disadvantage into her greatest asset. "Don't underestimate your liabilities," she said, "they may actually be your assets." She went on to offer

a few pieces of hard-learned advice from her own experiences to the graduating seniors. "Be confident; there is no substitute for confidence. Find something you love and become the best in the world at that one thing. Be decisive; learn how to make decisions whether they are right or wrong. Don't shrink from confrontation or uncertainty; this is where opportunity lies. Don't take things personally; learn to 'put it on a shelf.' Humor is one of the greatest assets you can have throughout your career."

In closing, Ms. Moore left the graduates with a final thought: "You walk out of this room today with something that no one else has: the sole custody of your life. You can make it anything you want it to be. It is up to you."



Darla Moore with George Dean Johnson, Jr. and President Nancy Gray

Darla Moore's career has been the subject of many feature articles in business and women's publications including *Fortune*, *Forbes*, *Working Woman*, *Worth*, *Reader's Digest* and *The Wall Street Journal* as well as the subject of a CNN profile. Ms. Moore is the first woman to be profiled on the cover of *Fortune Magazine* and was named to their list of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in American Business. 🌱



Elizabeth Smith

ELFORD C. MORGAN AWARD

Elizabeth Holliday Smith '02 was awarded the Elford C. Morgan Award. The award is given to the senior with the highest academic record in the College of Arts and Sciences.



Katherine Landon with Joe Ann Lever

MARY MILDRED SULLIVAN AWARD-STUDENT RECIPIENT

Katherine Landon '02, a double major in English and Politics, was recognized with this award for her strong commitment to community. Katie has volunteered locally with the Ellen Hines Smith Girl's Home, Habitat for Humanity, Girl Scouts, SAFE Homes—Rape Crisis, various nursing homes, and the Children's Shelter. She also serves as a leader for Young Life at Dorman High School and in numerous positions at Converse.



Jackie Noyes with Melissa Daves Jolly

MARY MILDRED SULLIVAN AWARD-COMMUNITY RECIPIENT

Jackie Noyes '69 is Associate Executive Director of the American Academy of Pediatrics, an organization of 48,000 pediatricians. She has also chaired the National Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines. She provided vital assistance to the promotion and passage of the Infant Formula Act of 1980, the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, the Vaccine Injury Compensation Act, the Vaccines for Children Program, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.



Ann Pletcher with Joe Ann Lever and Tom McDaniel

KATHRYNE AMELIA BROWN AWARD

Ann Pletcher, Associate Professor of Accounting, was presented with the Kathrynne Amelia Brown Award. The award recognizes a faculty member who has excelled in the classroom.

Walker Receives O'Herron Award



Dr. Melissa Walker with President Nancy Gray

Dr. Melissa Walker, Assistant Professor of History and Politics, was presented with the O'Herron Award for Faculty Excellence during Converse College's annual faculty and staff luncheon on May 14. She is the second faculty member to receive the award. In nominating Dr. Walker for the award, her colleagues described her as "an excellent teacher, an active scholar, and an ideal role model for students. She is creative, innovative, flexible, dedicated, and employs a wide range of teaching pedagogy...but more important is the high regard in which she is held by her students."

Established by the O'Herron Family Foundation, the award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates exceptional teaching effectiveness, creativity, mentoring and advising, involvement in student activities, and achievement in research and publication.

Students Garner Science Honors

Marlee Beckham '02 received the Biological Sciences Award in Invertebrate Studies from the Senior South Carolina Academy of Science for her research entitled "Prevalence and Intensity of Dilepidid Metacestodes (Cestoda: Cyclophyllidae) in the Mummichog (*Fundulus heteroclitus*) and the Striped Killifish (*Fundulus majalis*) from Georgetown, SC."

During the 18th annual student research forum at East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine, Susannah Evelyn Johnson '02 won first place for Student Choice Award and first place for the undergraduate division competition for her research on atherosclerosis. Her research project was entitled "The activation of Matrix Metalloproteinases by Mast Cell Serine Proteases."

Founder's Day '02

There was much to celebrate during the 2002 Founder's Day activities, which included the traditional Founder's Day Service, the dedication of Milliken Fine Arts Building, and the annual Thousand Thanks Donor Gala (see photos on back cover).

Joe Ann Lever, Dean of Arts and Sciences, addressed the students, faculty, staff, and guests during the Founder's Day Service in Twichell Auditorium. Dean Lever, who retired June 30, was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree as a special recognition to honor her 40 years of service to Converse.

Roger and Nita Milliken were present as the Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken Addition to the Milliken Fine Arts Building was formally dedicated. During the dedication, Nita's portrait, which will hang in the new addition, was unveiled. The addition was funded by an initial gift of \$2 million by the Millikens and provides an additional 14,000 square feet to the existing building.

Nita Milliken with Converse's Milliken Scholars



Kurt Zimmerli, recipient of the 2002 Dexter Edgar Converse Award

During the Thousand Thanks Gala, Kurt Zimmerli was presented with the Dexter Edgar Converse Award, the College's highest honor. Beginning with his first term on the Board of Trustees in 1983, Kurt has enthusiastically provided countless hours of service to the fulfillment of Converse's mission, to its financial health, and its physical appearance. With his sensible financial counsel, Converse has been able to achieve continuing balanced budgets. Under his guidance, Converse has established a comprehensive campus master plan that focuses on making Converse an attractive welcoming environment. Today, in leading the effort to plan and improve the campus, Kurt collaborates with Converse faculty, administrators, and students as he works with architects on new building projects. Through his philanthropy, he has made significant progress possible in The Petrie School of Music by providing scholarships for students, funding for much needed instrument repairs, and invaluable support for performances and events.

Summer SERVE Named Outstanding Program

The South Carolina College Personnel Association has recognized Summer SERVE, a program that encourages freshman to participate in community service, as Outstanding Program. Programs are judged based on creativity, achievement, and overall program design and merit.

"Summer SERVE has gained attention because of the effectiveness of integrating students into the Converse and Spartanburg communities," said Haven Hart, Dean of Students. Incoming students spend three days in the Spartanburg community performing community service for such organizations as Safe Homes/Rape Crisis, the Spartanburg Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity and many others. This year, 50 freshmen are taking part in Summer SERVE.



Participant Nicki Brown of Inman, SC, makes a new friend at the Humane Society.

Converse Names New Trustees

On July 1, 2002, Converse College welcomed seven incoming members to its Board of Trustees.



William Barnet, III of Spartanburg, SC

Bill returns to the Board of Trustees as chair of the development committee. He was first elected to the Board in 1988, later served as chairman of the Board, and currently serves as Chairman of *The Campaign for Converse*. He became Mayor of the City of Spartanburg in January 2002.



Susan Phifer "Susu" Johnson '65 of Spartanburg, SC

Susu Johnson will serve Converse as chairperson of the Committee on Trustees. Susu and her husband, George Dean Johnson, issued the \$15 million Johnson Challenge in 1999, which was the initial phase of The Campaign for Converse.



Robert H. Chapman, III of Spartanburg, SC

Rob earned his Bachelor of Arts in economics from University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Rob has been president of Inman Mills since 1976.



Carroll Sibley Clancy '71 of Raleigh, NC

A native of Milledgeville, Georgia, Carroll will serve as president-elect of the alumnae association. She attended Converse College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Phyllis Perrin Harris '82 of Atlanta, GA

Phyllis has served as a staff attorney for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and was recently appointed Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance in Washington, DC. In 2001, she was honored by President George W. Bush with the Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award.



Deadra L. Jefferson '85 of Charleston, SC

Deadra double-majoring in politics and English at Converse and earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina. As Family Court Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Charleston, SC, she is the first African-American female elected to the Ninth Circuit and the second African-American female jurist elected by the state legislature.



Patricia O'Herron Norman '69 of Charlotte, NC

Patty Norman begins her third term with the Converse Board. She has also served such organizations as the Mint Museum of Art, Johnson C. Smith University, the O'Herron Foundation, and the North Carolina Committee of National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Christy Laughter's Number Retired

No other Converse College basketball All-Star will ever wear #34. The number has been retired from the All-Star line-up in honor of the contributions and efforts of Christy Laughter '02 of Hendersonville, NC. Christy finished her collegiate career as the all-time leader in points (1,840), free throws (523), and rebounds (587). For her performance on the court, she was honored as the team's Most Valuable Player every year. She was also named all-tournament seven times in her career and the Spartanburg *Herald Journal's* college Player of the Week five times.



A two-sport player in both basketball and volleyball, Christy came to Converse at a time when the school had just reinstated its intercollegiate athletic program after a four year absence. As a student-athlete, she has been one of Converse's best and brightest All-Stars. Christy graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Business Administration and a minor in Economics in May.

Converse Mourns the Death of Lynn Stalnaker



Converse faculty, staff, and students mourn the death of Lynn Stalnaker, Interim Dean of the Petrie School of Music and Instructor of Woodwinds at Converse College, who died on Friday, May 24 following an extended illness. Mr.

Stalnaker served for the past year as Interim Dean of the Petrie School of Music and had been a member of the faculty and administration since 1972. His contributions to the College were many, and he will be missed.

"Lynn cared deeply for Converse College and was an unwavering advocate for the students and programs in the Petrie School. He was dedicated, steadfast, and methodical in all he did here," said President Nancy Gray.

"Lynn has long been an asset to Converse, but especially this past year during our search for a Dean of the Petrie School. He graciously took the helm and went far beyond the call of duty to keep the Petrie School running smoothly in the absence of permanent leadership," said Tom McDaniel, Senior Vice President.

A native of Auburn, AL, Mr. Stalnaker received a Bachelor of Music degree in Clarinet Performance from Auburn University and a Master of Music in Clarinet Performance from the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati. He pursued doctoral studies in clarinet at Boston University and additional study at the University of Cincinnati.

He performed as a member of the Arkansas Orchestra, the Asheville Symphony, the Brevard Chamber Orchestra, the Spartanburg Symphony, the Converse Sinfonietta, and in numerous chamber and solo appearances on and off the campus.

He taught clarinet and saxophone, woodwind pedagogy, and orchestral literature in the Petrie School. He also served on the faculty of the S.C. Governor's School Academy.



ONE YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE:
CONVERSE EXCEEDS \$75 MILLION GOAL, AIMS HIGHER!

Thanks to the tremendous support of alumnae, parents, community leaders, and friends of the College, the \$75 million Campaign for Converse goal has not only been met, it has been surpassed. As of June 30th, the Campaign had secured just over \$76 million - \$1 million more than the original goal - a full year ahead of schedule.

“Thus far, the response has been nothing short of amazing as thousands of gifts have been given to the effort,” said Bill Barnet, Campaign Chairman. “Every donor is playing a meaningful role in building the future for Converse, and today we celebrate this exemplary commitment and tremendous investment made to the College.”

Throughout the Campaign, a bold vision for the College has emerged:

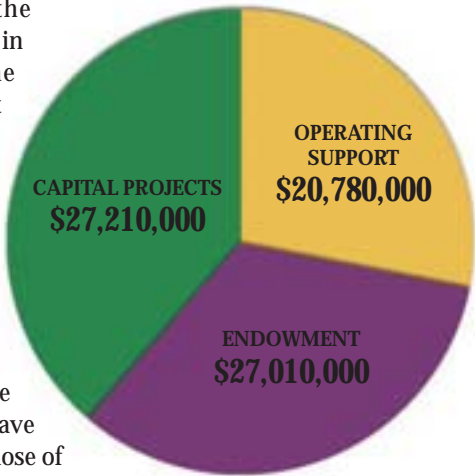
a vision of Converse becoming the college of choice for women. The framework created by the Campaign will turn this vision into a reality by enabling the College to attract the best faculty, the brightest students, and the facilities needed to support them.

“The annual fund will always be a priority...”
President Nancy Oliver Gray

While the College has exceeded the \$75 million goal, the Campaign for Converse will continue through to its original June 2003 timeline so that areas such as the endowment and annual fund can be strengthened. “The annual fund will always be a priority,” says President Nancy Oliver Gray. “Because student tuition and fees have never covered the entire cost of a Converse education, the remainder of the College’s budget comes in large part from the generous annual support of the Converse family.”

Barnet emphasizes that because each gift, regardless of the amount, is important, every alumna can participate meaningfully. “No gift is too small,” he says. “Generous donors have always led the way for those of us who, like them, believe that schools like Converse are the key to a bright future. And because of that, I am confident that we can greatly surpass the original goal of the Campaign.”

CAMPAIGN GOALS



KRESGE FOUNDATION AWARDS CHALLENGE GRANT
FOR PHIFER BUILDING

In December 2001, the trustees of The Kresge Foundation approved a \$750,000 challenge grant for Converse College. Funding from the grant will go toward construction of the Phifer Science and Technology Building. Under the terms of the Kresge challenge, Converse must raise \$2.3 million toward the project by July 1, 2003.

“Kresge Foundation grants are recognized as a prestigious stamp of endorsement on an institution,” said Scott Rawles, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. “To secure this grant, we need every alumna and all others who care about Converse College to make a gift to the campaign. Now is the time for everyone to participate.”

Named in honor of Susu Phifer ('65) Johnson, who together with her husband George was lead donor for the project, the Phifer Building will be designed for 21st century flexibility, student/faculty research, interdisciplinary teaching, and in-lab lectures. It will house the departments of biology and chemistry. Because the fields of science and technology are changing so rapidly, the new Phifer Building

represents a critical project in which every gift counts. Specifically, these investments translate into bringing together top professors, laboratory space and materials, and costly equipment in contemporary and interactive ways.

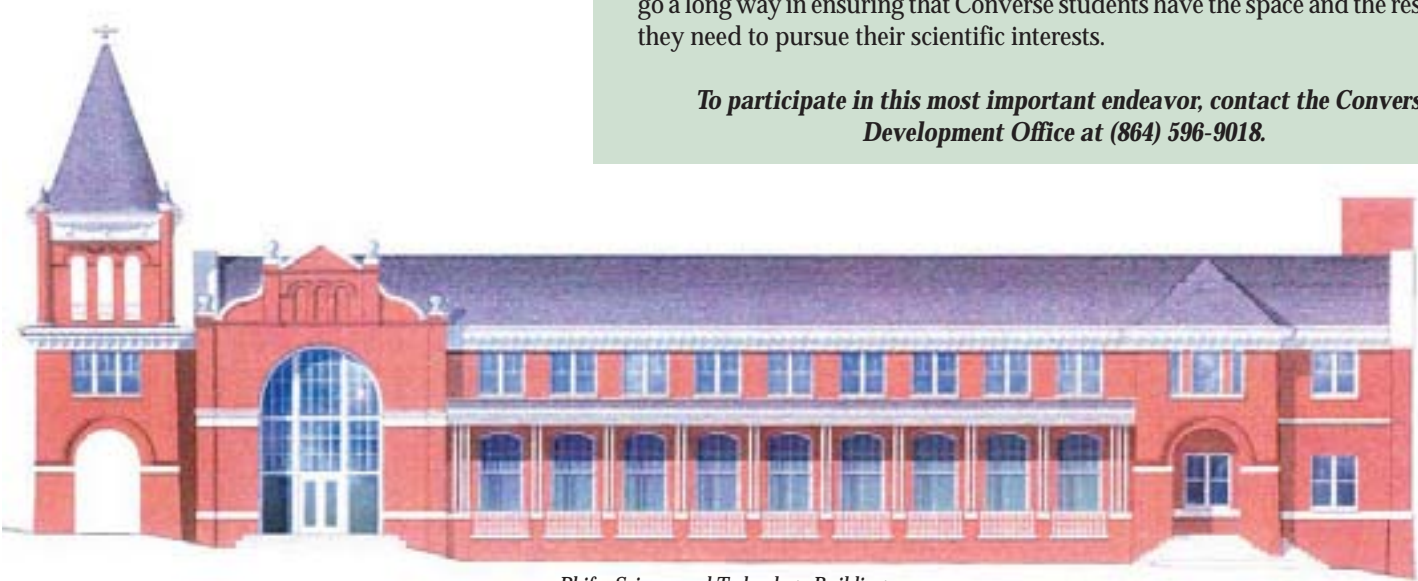
In appreciation of a gift received from The Dalton Foundation, the building’s large multi-media room will be named for Dalton King, son of Mary Gossett Dalton King '75 and grandson of Mary Helen Garrison Dalton '46. Initial site work for the Phifer Building will begin late this summer. The building will be ready for students by the 2004-05 academic year.

HOW WILL WE MEET THE KRESGE CHALLENGE?

A requirement of the Kresge Challenge is to raise alumnae participation to new levels. Throughout her history, active support from alumnae has been a determining factor in the success of Converse. Each participant, regardless of the size of the gift, makes a vital difference in the education of our students and the productive life of the College.

Your assistance will not only help us to meet the Kresge Challenge, but will also go a long way in ensuring that Converse students have the space and the resources they need to pursue their scientific interests.

To participate in this most important endeavor, contact the Converse Development Office at (864) 596-9018.



Phifer Science and Technology Building

ADDITIONAL BUILDING NEEDS

Because Converse is a residential college and on-campus living is an integral part of the educational experience, funds are needed to renovate existing buildings. There are several building renovation needs that have not yet been met with the campaign.

“At this point,” explains John Hegman, Vice President for Finance and Administration, “we want to convert one or more of our residence halls into suites. In Montgomery Student Center, we would like to convert the old gym into a two-level structure, providing space for Student Government Association offices and student activities. Consideration is also being given to the

inclusion of a cyber café, student lounges, an enhanced bookstore, and an expanded chapel. These plans are contingent upon

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John Hegman, Vice President for Finance and Administration

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EARLY RESULTS OF THE CAMPAIGN

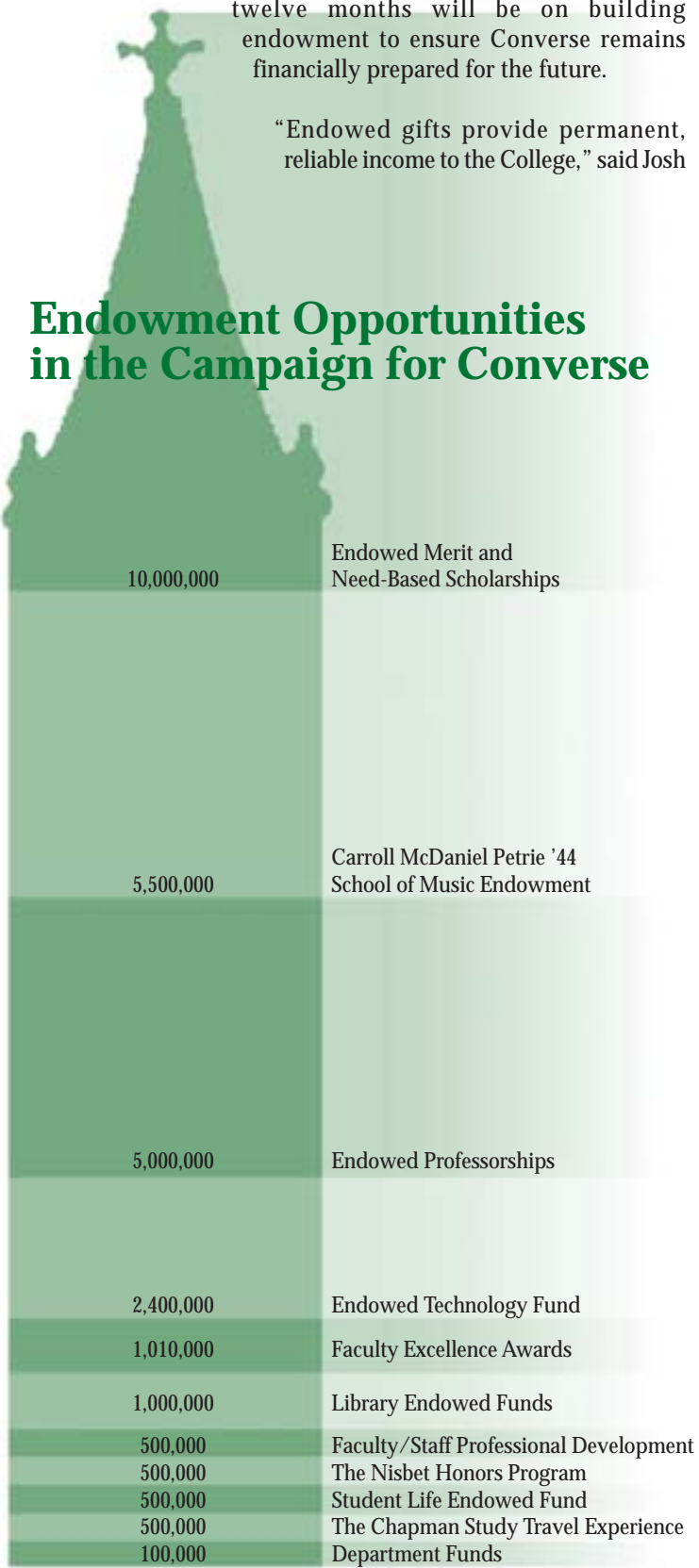
- 35 newly endowed scholarship funds have been created
- The Converse All-Stars have a new home court with the construction of The Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex and The Weisiger Center
- Art students have much-needed space with the Justine V.R. “Nita” Milliken Addition to the Milliken Fine Arts Building
- Funding for the 40,000 square foot Phifer Science and Technology Building has been secured
- Renovations have been made to Daniel Recital Hall and the lobby of Blackman Music Building
- The College’s “front door,” Dalton Main Hall of Wilson Hall, has been renovated
- Endowed study travel opportunities have been established for Converse students through the Anne Morrison Chapman ('57) Study Abroad Experience Endowment
- The Nisbet Honors Program has been created to foster academic excellence
- The O'Herron Faculty Excellence Award has been established to reward excellence in teaching
- Funding has been secured to meet critical needs of Mickel Library
- A connector road has been added to allow for easier navigation of the campus

So, Just What is an Endowment?

The endowment is the College's savings account: funds that are invested in order to produce income that can be used to fund College operations. Much of the campaign focus over the next twelve months will be on building endowment to ensure Converse remains financially prepared for the future.

"Endowed gifts provide permanent, reliable income to the College," said Josh

Endowment Opportunities in the Campaign for Converse



Newton, Executive Director of Development. "The gift principal is invested for both income and long-term growth. Only a portion (6%) of the annual income is used to meet the specified need for the College, and the remaining income is added to the fund so that it can continue to grow."

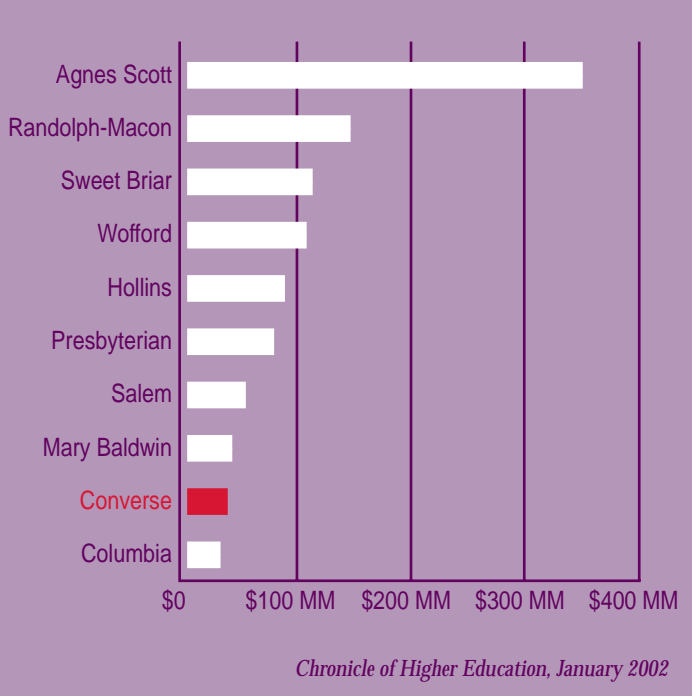
Endowed funds may support virtually any aspect of the College. For example, scholarships, study travel opportunities for students, professorships, technology, and library support can all be funded through endowed gifts.

Since 1993, the Converse endowment and funds under management have grown from \$18 million to over \$60 million. That, however, is significantly below the average of the College's academic peers. It is essential that the endowment be increased to \$75 million to ensure the quality of education for future generations.

There are numerous ways to actively contribute to strengthening the endowment:

- \$25,000 for a named endowed scholarship which will become fully endowed when the fund reaches \$350,000
- \$25,000 for a program endowment in an area that matches your interest, such as supporting the Writing Center, a Petrie School ensemble, or a guest artist in residence
- \$25,000 that will endow a faculty/staff professional development fund
- \$1.5 million for a named distinguished professorship which will attract top scholars to Converse

How Does the Converse Endowment Compare?



Remembering Mothers With Gifts to Converse

In late May, the Allen brothers (Augustus "Gus," James, and Ashely) established a scholarship to honor their mother. The \$25,000 Anne Lathan '29 Endowed Fund will be awarded to a Converse student from South Carolina who exhibits a strong moral character and a positive reputation. "Mother loved her time at Converse," says Gus. "It was her dream to have a daughter follow in her footsteps and graduate from Converse. Although we couldn't attend as boys, we can honor her by helping someone else's daughter earn a Converse degree."



James, Gus, and Ashely Allen with their mother, Anne Lathan Allen '29.

There are many ways to give to Converse. Mary Frances Morgan '43 gave artwork in memory of her mother, Kathleen Connor Morgan '19. During the recent Alumnae Art Exhibit, Mary Frances bought an iron magnolia sculpture by Berry Bate '75, then donated the piece to Converse. The artwork now hangs in the breezeway between Blackman Music Building and Milliken Fine Arts Building.



Mary Frances Morgan '43 (left), President Nancy Gray, and Berry Bate '75 with the iron magnolia sculpture donated to Converse in memory of Mary Frances' mother.

Elizabeth Adamitis of Sevierville, Tennessee knows how much Converse College meant to her mother, 1901 graduate Elizabeth Fox. "While she was a student, she wrote a 20-page letter to her family telling in great detail how much she loved the school," says Elizabeth. Because her mother had such great love for piano and opera, Elizabeth has pledged a \$25,000 gift to name a room in the Blackman Music Building for her.

Elizabeth Adamitis (far right) pledged a \$25,000 gift to honor her mother, Elizabeth Fox, a 1901 Converse graduate (inset).



Securing the Future of Converse Athletics

During Founder's Day Celebrations in April, the gymnasium in The Weisiger Center was officially dedicated as the Tom and Tracy Hannah Gym. The naming of the gym was in appreciation for the numerous gifts and active participation from the Hannahs to the Campaign. In 1998, Tom led a group of Trustees in reinstating the athletic program at Converse. "It was the decision of the Board to re-establish the All-Star program if we could raise sufficient capital outside of the annual budget for the first year," explains Tom, who began his service on the Board in 1994. "We raised the money in less than 30 days."

With the start of the Fall Term, the All-Stars begin their fifth year of athletic competition, a continuing era that would not have been possible without Tom Hannah spearheading this effort.



Tom and Tracy Hannah at the Thousand Thanks Gala (left) and cutting the ribbon to the Hannah Gym (below).



How to Participate in The Campaign for Converse

There are numerous ways to contribute. The campaign staff will work with you to design the most beneficial way for you to participate. In addition to an outright gift of cash, you may choose to donate securities or other appreciated assets; design a trust or annuity; make a gift of personal property, real estate, or life insurance; or sign a bequest commitment.

To participate, contact Scott Rawles or Josh Newton at:
Converse College Development Office
580 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(864) 596-9018
email: giving@converse.edu

You can also make your gift through our secure website. Click the Giving to Converse link at www.converse.edu.

faculty and student ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Anita Davis, Charles A. Dana Professor of Education, has a new book entitled *Real Heroes: Rutherford County (NC) Men Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice During World War II*. The book is a tribute to her father, who was killed in WWII.

Dr. Jerry Howe, Professor of Chemistry, was elected to a three-year term on the Council of the Academy at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Academy of Science. He has also been invited to give a paper for the 16th Annual National Science Foundation Catalyzed Innovations in the Undergraduate Laboratory Symposium which will be held as part of the American Chemical Society’s annual meeting in Boston, MA in August.

At this year’s national festival of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, **Steve Hunt**, Assistant Professor of Theatre, was approved as Playwriting Vice Chair for Region IV (consisting of ten southeastern states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico).

Dr. Eun-Sun Lee, Assistant Professor of Violin, performed with pianist Fabio Parrini at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California and at the Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. The concerts were promoted with the assistance of the Italian Consulate and the Korean Consulate in Los Angeles.

Dr. Martha Lovett, Dean of Graduate Studies and Special Programs, received the S.C. Association of Teacher Educators’ “Exemplary Service to Higher Education Award” for 2002.

Dr. John Theilmann, Professor of History and Politics, is the author of several entries in the recently published *Historical Dictionary of Late Medieval England*.

Babcock Professor of Piano **Douglas Weeks** performed a solo recital in Austin, Texas on April 28th featuring the works of the outstanding contemporary American composer Lowell Liebermann, with the composer in attendance.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Converse students competed in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Regional Competition held in Winchester, Virginia. First place: **Andrew Bolden**, Musical Theater College for Men (Andrew also won second place in the category of Classical College Men); **Tharanga Goonetilleke ’05**, College Freshmen Women; **Matias Mariani**, College Freshmen men (Matias also won the Jane Dillard Award given to the most outstanding college male singer); and **Anna Steenerson ’03**, College Junior Women.

During the national Model Arab League competition, held April 3-6 in Washington, D.C., the Converse Palestine delegation garnered Outstanding Delegation honors, marking the sixth consecutive year a Converse delegation has won this honor.

Jane Marion ’04 will spend much of her summer taking part in the 2002 Historic Deerfield Summer Fellows Program. This highly competitive program accepts only 6-10 students from throughout the country each year.

Anna Millikan ’02 was one of only seven students from throughout the U.S. invited to travel to Kuwait as part of the Kuwait Scholars Program. While in Kuwait, Anna met with Kuwaiti government officials, business people, and students.

HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

HONOR GIFTS

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MARY DESHA DIDIER ’41
Mrs. Pauline Douglas Siceloff ’76

JANIE MAYES FERGUSON ’32
Mr. and Mrs. James J. Angelo
Mrs. Dorothy Hoe Kirkley ’42
Mrs. Patricia Womack Roberts ’65
Mr. and Mrs. Hans J. Solmsen
Mr. and Mrs. R. Donald Terrell

SUZANNE LUCAS GASQUE ’33
Mrs. Mary Emily Jackson Vallarino ’65

BELINDA FRANCES GAUNCE ’95
Mrs. Elaine Gaunce Webb ’94

ELIZABETH HUBBARD HARRIS ’22
Ms. Martha C. Harris ’50
Mrs. Nancy Harris Roberts ’48

IRVINE KEITH HEYWARD IV
Mrs. Jane Powell Crowder ’57

ROBERT STEPHAN HOBRON
Mrs. Joyce Seeley Barnett ’60

FANNIE LOUISE VERMONT
HOLCOMBE ’32
Dr. and Mrs. G. Ashley Allen
Gus and Betty Lou Allen
Mr. and Mrs. Augustus T. Allen
Mrs. Paula Black Baker ’64
The Private Bank of Bank of
America
Mrs. Martha Grier Bomar ’42
Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Brice III
Ms. Ann C. Brown ’56

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Browne, III
Mrs. Robert H. Chapman, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cross
Mrs. Byah Thomason Doxey ’40
Mrs. Nancy Sibley Dunn ’54
Mrs. Elaine T. Freeman
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Johnston
Mrs. Melissa Daves Jolly ’69
Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Kal
Haus and Edith Kuhn
Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Ligitt
Mrs. Mary A. McCutchen
Dr. and Mrs. John C. Morris
Ms. Virginia Manning Moses ’68
Mrs. Virginia R. New
Mrs. Rebecca Ramsaur Pennell ’53
Mr. and Mrs. L. Perrin Powell
Ms. Ann Scholten
Mr. & Mrs. Warwick F. M. Spencer
Mrs. Lou Bomar Thomson ’39
Senator Strom Thurmond
Mrs. Carolyn Morrow Wynn ’63
Holcombe Reading Club
The Camella Society of Gaffney
The Carolina Debutante Society
The Magnolia Debutante Club
Gosnell Menard & Brooks
The Bookbinders Club

SIDNEY HOLMES ’28
Miss Mary Frances Morgan ’43

BERTA H. HOYLER ’06
Ms. Bertonia H. Hoyler

RICHARD KEENAN AND LUCIA
“LALLY” GREEN KEENAN ’50
Mrs. Carolyn Duer Pennell ’50
Mrs. Dorothy Ormond Grier ’50

DALTON KING
Mr. and Mrs. James G. Dalton, Sr.
(Mary Helen Garrison ’46)
Mrs. Kathleen Morgan Donnelly ’45
Mr. & Mrs. Walter S. Montgomery, Jr.
(Betty James ’72)
Mrs. Louise Eshelman Rixey ’75

SADIE DRUMMOND LILES ’21
Mrs. Miriam Liles Mathis ’47

ELIZABETH LUCAS MARCHANT ’36
Mrs. Ellen Coker Twitty ’36

MARY E. CANNON MAYS ’44
Mr. Earl R. Mays ’72 MMUS

WILLIAM BONNER MCCARTY, JR.
Mrs. Kathleen Morgan Donnelly ’45

ALTON HALE MCCULLOUGH
Mrs. Malcolm L. (Ann Davidson)
Marion, Jr. ’47

AMELIA BRUNS MEDFORD ’32
Mrs. Tapp Latta Hancock ’57
Dr. and Mrs. Elford C. Morgan
Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Shropshier

ANNIE SUE PATTERSON
Mrs. Annette McInnis Casey
Ms. Kathy S. Worley

MARGARET C. REAMES
Mrs. Gayle G. Magruder

LOUISA FARMER REAVES ’65
Dr. Leonard E. Reaves III

WILLIAM REED
Mrs. Gayle G. Magruder

CAROLINE W. REIGER
Mrs. Brandon Davidson Shives ’92

BLAIR RICE, JR.
Mrs. Kathleen Morgan Donnelly
’45

JANE WOODSIDE ROE ’36
Mrs. Ann F. Smoak

CALVIN AND MARGARET ROSS
Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Hayes

WILLIAM HAMLET SMITH
Mrs. Roberta Thomas Smith ’59

VIRGINIA RECTOR THOMPSON ’37
Mr. Donald Thompson

DOROTHY AYERS WARD ’48
Mr. Lafe P. Ward

JULIE ROGERS WATT ’41
Mrs. Jane Henderson McDonald ’41
Mrs. Virginia Young Richardson ’41
Mrs. Pauline Douglas Siceloff ’76

WILLIAM LINDSAY WYLIE
Mrs. Malcolm L. (Ann Davidson)
Marion, Jr. ’47
Mrs. Elinor Ragsdale Wylie ’47

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Please inform (Name): _____

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In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

By (Contributor’s Name): _____

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Phone Number: _____ Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Make checks payable to Converse College.

Campus Preview Days for Prospective Students

For more information, visit www.converse.edu or call the Admissions Office at (800) 766-1125.

FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2002
9:00AM - 2:00PM

High school sophomores, juniors and seniors and their families are invited to experience hands-on learning at Converse.

JUNIOR JUMPSTART OVERNIGHT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2002
Spend the night with a current student, enjoy campus life at Converse, and get a head start on the college search.

SENIOR OVERNIGHT
SUNDAY AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 20-21
Meet faculty and attend classes, spend the night with current students, and get a taste of campus life.

DANIEL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2002
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

High school seniors compete for performance scholarships to the Petrie School of Music.

MILLIKEN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION
(BY INVITATION ONLY)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2003
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

High school seniors interview for Milliken Academic Scholarships, Leadership Awards, and have their art portfolios reviewed. Students are selected through nominations by their high school counselor or a member of the Converse community.

PETRIE SCHOOL OF MUSIC AUDITIONS
NOVEMBER 16, 2002 DANIEL COMPETITION
JANUARY 18, 2003 VOICE STUDENTS ONLY
FEBRUARY 22, 2003 ALL INSTRUMENTS, PIANO, AND ORGAN
MARCH 15, 2003 OPEN AUDITION

COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2003
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
For 9th and 10th graders. Everything students need to know about looking for the right college, and how to interview and prepare for an audition!

How can you help recruit young women to Converse?

Pass on the enclosed fee-waived application!
Enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin is a fee-waived application for admission to Converse. Please pass this application along to a young woman who you think would be a good fit with Converse. If you need additional applications, feel free to make copies of the one enclosed or contact the admissions office at (800) 766-1125.

Point a Prospective Student to the New Online Campus Tour!
Converse has recently unveiled the new virtual campus tour, an interactive addition to the website that features panoramic images, sound, and flash technology. Visit the Converse homepage at www.converse.edu and click the campus tour button in the upper right corner. This is a great way to get a taste of the campus before a personal campus visit!

Encourage young women to attend a campus preview day or to schedule a personal tour!
Students may register in the admissions section online at www.converse.edu or call the admissions office at (800) 766-1125. See the list of upcoming events for 2002-03 (at left).

ADMISSIONS NEWS

Robbie Richards Appointed Director of Admissions



Robbie M. Richards has been named Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Converse College. A native of Greenwood, SC, Robbie earned her bachelor of arts from Converse in 1992. She went on to earn her master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina in 1997. Prior to being named to her current post, Robbie served as Director of Career Services at Converse. In addition to her leadership duties as director, Robbie will handle international recruiting and states outside of the Southeast U.S.

Meet the Admissions Team



Stephanie Chambers '01
Converse II (24 and older) and transfer students



Jessica Hundley '01
North Carolina and Virginia



Ann Rabon '01
MMus
Petrie School of Music



Jessica Eggiman '00
Upstate of South Carolina



Stephanie Kirkland '01
Tennessee and Kentucky



Kathy Seay '02
Texas



Debbie Elliot
South Carolina midlands and lower state, and Georgia



Emily Lewis '01
Lower Southeast (including Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida)



Laura Chappell Bauknight '87
Converse Alumnae Recruitment Effort (CARE) and events management

Right: Golden Club Luncheon
Below: Jeff Willis book signing



reUnion 2002: a converse revue

APRIL 26-28, 2002

More than 430 alumnae and friends returned for a weekend celebration to share in memories, old and new, at Reunion 2002. The weekend included the Golden Club and the classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2001. The weekend included the Golden Club luncheon, the All-Class Cocktail Party and Barbecue, an alumnae art exhibit, a Converse Dance Ensemble performance, a play in Hazel B. Abbott Theatre, the alumnae memorial service, class meetings, alumnae day awards luncheon, a book signing, tours of the residence halls, career networking, tours of the Milliken Fine Arts Building addition, the alumnae recital, and class dinners. During the alumnae day luncheon, the 2002 alumnae achievement awards and an honorary alumna award were presented.



SEE MANY MORE REUNION PHOTOS ONLINE!
WWW.CONVERSE.EDU

Above: All Class Cocktail Party and Barbecue
Right: Alumnae Recital



Star Award
SANDRA SHERARD BETHEA '67



Mae Elizabeth Kilgo Spirit Award
ANN DAVIDSON MARION '47



Career Achievement Award
PHYLLIS PERRIN HARRIS '82



Career Achievement Award-Music
CARLISLE FLOYD '47



Converse 100 Award
KAY WYATT CHEVES '67



Converse 100 Award
EVELYN "PATTI" MOORE MCGEE '57



Community Service Award
LYDIA WILLARD KELLETT '62



Distinguished Alumna Award
DR. GRACE BEACHAM FREEMAN '37

AWARD WINNERS



Dear Friends,

I hope that all of you are having a wonderful summer. As this issue is being published, we at Converse are proud of an active and fulfilling end to our 2001-2002 academic year. The Alumnae Office and area clubs held 33 events in various cities across the southeast this year, concentrating on renewing friendships with alumnae as well as promoting our generous match from Bill Barnet of \$1 for every \$5 raised. Our current challenge is that we MUST raise our percentage of alumnae giving! Please support us in ANY way that you can. We are also concentrating now on student referrals from alumnae. Your gift to a student is the ability to further her education and her dreams of the future.

On April 18, we celebrated Founder's Day and dedicated the Justine V.R. "Nita" Milliken Addition to the Milliken Fine Arts Building. The evening followed with an extraordinary Thousand Thanks dinner held in our new Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex. Kurt Zimmerli was honored as the Dexter Edgar Converse Award recipient. Graduation was held on Saturday, May 25, with 170 confident graduates, prepared to embrace the world with a strong liberal arts degree.

We held a tremendous reunion again this year with a record attendance of 477 campus visitors. The excitement of those coming back was contagious! Don't miss your next chance to visit your alma mater when your class has its reunion! If your graduation year ended with a 3 or 8, you will celebrate your reunion the last weekend in April, 2003.

Our celebration will continue to be most important as we all strive to fulfill our Founder's Ideal as a women's liberal arts college in pursuit of educational excellence. I hope that your summer is filled with family and friends – a time for rest, relaxation, and renewal.

Fondly,

Elise

Elise Warren, Alumnae Association President

Alumnae NEWS

We're Making a List of Alumnae "Firsts"...and need your input!

Converse is compiling a list of alumnae "firsts." Were you or someone you know the first woman in your field to achieve a certain goal? The first woman of your race to hold a certain position? The first person to do groundbreaking research in your field? If you or an alumna you know were the first person, first woman, or any other first in an area that is interesting or distinctive, then CONVERSE WANTS TO KNOW!

Please share this information with us via email at melissa.jolly@converse.edu, by fax at (864) 596-9735, or by mail to the Alumnae Office.

Travel with the Converse College Alumnae Association



Canadian Rockies Train Tour

Journey through forests and mountains with waterfalls and breathtaking lakes in areas home to bear, elk, and other magnificent creatures. This adventure of a lifetime will take you to Vancouver, Kamloops, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, and Calgary for nine days in late June and early July 2003.



Italian Vistas

Sample the good life on one of the most popular escorted tours of Italy. Travel through Rome, Capri, Sorrento, Florence, Venice, Verona, Milan, Stresa, Lugano, and Pisa for thirteen days in late October 2003.

If you are interested in either of these trips, please contact the Alumnae Office.

A Call for Nominations

2003 Alumnae Board

Please visit the alumnae section of www.converse.edu to submit a nomination form for the following positions on the 2003 Converse College Alumnae Board Slate:

- Records and Recognition Chair
- Development Committee Member
- Music School Representative
- Young Alumnae Representative
- Graduate Degree Representative
- Decade Representatives from the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's

Nominated alumnae should be willing to give their time, energy, personal resources, and service to assist the Alumnae Board in achieving its goals. They should be advocates of the liberal arts and the thorough education of women, embrace the mission of the College, and inspire other alumnae to follow suit. All alumnae are eligible for nomination. Deadline for nominations is August 23, 2002.

2003 Alumnae Achievement Awards

The 2003 Alumnae Achievement Awards will be presented during Reunion Weekend, April 25-27, 2003. Alumnae from the following classes are eligible for consideration: The Golden Club, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998. Awards to be presented:

- Distinguished Alumna Award
- Mae Elizabeth Kilgo Spirit Award
- Community Service Award
- Career Achievement Award
- Career Achievement in Music Award
- Converse 100 Award
- Star Award

Please send nominations by August 23, 2002, to the Converse College Alumnae Office, 580 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302, by fax to (864) 596-9735, by email to melissa.jolly@converse.edu, or by using the form in the alumnae section of www.converse.edu. All nominees not selected for 2003 awards will remain in the pool for future consideration.

Alumnae Weekend 2003

for graduation years ending in 3 and 8

Come Back to Converse!!

April 25-27, 2003

If your class year ends in a 3 or an 8, you are having a reunion this spring! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2003! The Alumnae Association wants to welcome you back to Converse for a fun filled weekend to see old classmates and friends. Converse welcomes The Golden Club and the classes of 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2002.

For more information, contact Elizabeth G. Simons, Associate Director of Alumnae, by email at elizabeth.simons@converse.edu or by phone at (864) 596-9058.



Join the Team!

2nd Annual "Team Converse" Leadership Conference

Monday, September 16, 2002

10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Converse College

This conference is for Converse alumnae and friends who wish to give their time, energy, and talent to the College. In addition to a Converse information session and a summary of volunteer opportunities on campus, the day will include break-out training sessions to prepare individuals for their volunteer roles.

We invite you to extend your stay if possible to attend Tuesday's special events: Opening Convocation, during which we will begin a new tradition of having the sign freshman honor code, followed by lunch. You will also have the opportunity to meet our new Vice President, Dr. Jeffrey Barker, and Petrie School Dean, Joseph Hopkins.

If you would like to receive more information and be invited to attend, please e-mail Melissa Jolly, Director of Alumnae at melissa.jolly@converse.edu or call (864) 596-9055.



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UNION, SC

Alumnae in Union, SC met for lunch on February 28 at the Inn at Merridun.

Photo 1: Pictured from l to r: Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Kitty Peeler Carson '49, Laura Keller Perrin '40, Isabel Jordan Baarcke '38, and Julia Easterling Guess '39.

NORFOLK, VA

Club chair, Debra Griggs '75 planned a luncheon for alumnae at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on Saturday, March 2, 2002. Martha Paxton Beale '49 presided as hostess.

Photo 2: Alumnae and staff pictured from l to r: Alice Acree Clarke '50, Rhetta Fair Wilson '63,

Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Elizabeth Dashiell Beaman '47, Scott Rawles, Anne Knight Shuler '41, Martha Paxton Beale '49, and Frances Owen McDaniel '54.

GREENWOOD, SC

Virginia Self '68 hosted a cocktail party in her home on Monday, March 11, 2002. Dr. Jeff Willis did a Power Point presentation of "Converse in Pictures." Alumnae, Converse staff, and students attending included Elizabeth Browning Davis '47, Eliza Crosby Jay '45, Jane Taylor Patterson '48, Sara Sparks Crawford '73, Sarah Johnson Hartung '95, Anna Burns Padgett '72 and her son, Jim, Suzanne Coleman Pettay '72, Virginia Self '68, Stephanie Roach '02, Jane Marion '04, Rachel Miller '05, Ann Casey, Josh Newton, Jeff Willis, and Melissa Daves Jolly '69.

Photo 3: Three Virginia Turner Self Scholars, Rachel Miller '05, Stephanie Roach '02, and Jane Marion '04 with Virginia Self at the event in Greenwood.

RALEIGH, NC

John and Ginger McKinney Jernigan '65 hosted a cocktail party in their home for Converse alumnae on Thursday, March 14, 2002. Carroll Sibley Clancy '71 is the club chair in Raleigh.

Photo 4: Pictured from l to r: President Nancy Gray, Frank Daniels, Carroll Sibley Clancy '71, John Jernigan, Ginger McKinney Jernigan '65, Bill Barnet, Julia Jones Daniels '53, and Tim Clancy.

BEAUFORT, SC

Scott and Frances Jeter Stowe '91, Shannon and Anne Jeter Lindsay '93, and Russell and Frances Jeter hosted a Frogmore Stew dinner party in Beaufort on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

GREENSBORO, NC

Club chair, Polly Butler Cornelius '91 planned an alumnae luncheon at the Greensboro Country Club on Thursday, March 14, 2002. Mary DeGraw, president of the Converse College Student Government Association, was the speaker.

Photo 5: Pictured from l to r: (standing) Melissa Daves Jolly '69, Scott Rawles, Missy Moser Rankin '75, Carlisle Rankin, Polly Butler Cornelius '91, Susie Edmunds Palmer '91, Ann Llewellyn Ditto '46, Brook Lowry '93, and Jackie Mapp Farlow '58. Seated: Mary DeGraw '02 and Susan Powell '01.

CHARLESTON, SC

Jamye Horres '95 planned a lunch for alumnae in Charleston at the Harbor Club on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Photo 6: Alumnae and spouses at the Harbor Club in Charleston: Ann Momeier '51, Martha Mills Anderson '45, Virginia Mitchell '46, Emily Watson '95, Elizabeth Robertson Zahrn '67, Kent Seignious Freeman '44, Nancy Nash Reynolds '47, Susan Massengill Mood '58, Marion Rivers Cato '65, Jeff and Karen Ray Benson '88, Daisy Barron Leland '58, Betsy Pringle '98, Catherine Cranford '96, John and Elizabeth Taylor Horres '73, Karen Worth Hammond '76, Jamye Horres '95, Ginger Crawford '97 and her mother, Ann Crawford, and Melissa Daves Jolly.

ASHEVILLE, NC

Polly Hill Woodham '51, Asheville club chair, planned a Converse alumnae luncheon at the Highland Lake Inn in Flat Rock, NC on April 11, 2002. Dr. Jeff Willis gave a Power Point presentation entitled "Converse in Pictures."

Photo 7: Alumnae at the Highland Lake Inn: Ann Gwathmey Badgett '51, Laura Boso, Berry Bate '75, Ann Huie Carpenter '54, Katherine Gilreath Counce '93, Jean Hooper Crook '44, Caroline Dilworth '95, Amy Shipman Elkins '96, Jim and Katherine Hester Field '52, Cade Brewster Garden '63, Susan Taylor Harris '78, Amy Anderson Higgins '55, Corinthia Brewton King '84, LeNoir White Medlock '90, Janet Smith Moore '72, Lalla Green Overby '45, Ruth Paddison '47, Marti Thompson Parson '89, Carolyn Gash Sherrill '59, Anne Moore Snellgrove '52, Betty Moore Sterling '52, Carolyn Byrd Tipton '51, Willis and Polly Hill Woodham '51, Martha Hyde Wynn '50, Josh Newton, Jeff Willis, and Melissa Daves Jolly '69.

NASHVILLE, TN

Wentworth and Barry Mitchner Caldwell '64 hosted a reception in their home to introduce Nashville alumnae to President Nancy Gray and Bill Barnet, chairman of The Campaign for Converse and former chairman of the Converse Board of Trustees. Mindy Thompson Orman '71 is the Converse club chair in Nashville.

Photo 8: Pictured from l to r: President Nancy Gray, Bill Barnet, Mitchner Caldwell '64 and Went Caldwell.

SENIOR CANDLELIGHT DINNER

The Class of 2002 had a special treat this year with their dinner taking place at the Piedmont Club thanks to the generosity of Nancy Bain Coté '79.

Photo 9: Pictured at the Senior Candlelight Dinner from l to r: Kathy Seay, Garrison Howard, Emily Threatt, Leigh Anne Mitchell, Sara Hill, Elizabeth Smith, and Stephanie Roach.

Attention All Converse-Wofford Couples!

Be Our Guests at Wofford Homecoming 2003

Drop by the Converse College Hospitality Tent

Saturday, October 5, 2002

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Wofford College campus, Evins Street Parking Lot

For more details or to make reservations call (800) 584-9098 or (864) 596-9055.
This event is sponsored by the Converse College Alumnae Office.

Refer a Student to Converse

Name of Student _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name of High School _____

Year of High School Graduation _____

Areas of Interest _____

Any Relationship to Converse _____

Join the Converse Network

Please check areas in which you are interested.

- ☐ Alumnae Board
- ☐ Development/Fundraising
- ☐ Class Representative
- ☐ Converse Clubs
- ☐ Serve on an Alumnae Telephone Committee
- ☐ Assist Admissions with Student Recruitment
- ☐ Provide an Internship Opportunity for Current Students
- ☐ Host Reception for Prospective Students
- ☐ Attend a College Fair
- ☐ Call Prospective Students
- ☐ Provide Contacts with Hiring Personnel

Alumnae Information Update

Please include relevant dates and information in order for your life event to be published. Please type or print all information.

Name (first, maiden, last) _____

Class year _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Email _____

Vacation address _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Marriage Announcement
(no engagements, please)

Name (first, maiden, last)

Class year

Spouse's full name

Date of marriage

Birth/Adoption Announcement
(please circle)

Mother's name (first, maiden, last)

Class year

Father's name

Daughter's/Son's name (first, middle, last)

Birth date

Career Change

Title

Company

Street address

City

State

Zip code

Work phone

Advanced Degree

Degree earned

Date awarded

College/University

Death Announcement
(attach additional sheet if necessary)

Name of deceased (first, maiden, last)

Class year

Date of death

Place of death

Surviving relative

Address of surviving relative

Mail or fax this form to:
Converse College Alumnae Office
580 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Fax: 864-596-9735

You can recommend a student by
sending an email to info@converse.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth M. PORTER '24, February 12, 2002.
Olivia Burton BURWELL '26, March 3, 2002.
Alice FINKELSTEIN Toomey '27, February 2, 2002.
Charlotte Anne ORR Evans '29, March 27, 2002.
Bessie Mell POATS Lane '30, April 12, 2002.
Janie MAYES Ferguson '32, February 27, 2002.
Fannie Louise VERMONT Holcombe '32, April 21, 2002.
Nell HILL Crutchfield '33, March 17, 2002.
Suzanne LUCAS Gasque '33, March 29, 2002.
Mary Emma LEEMON Manley '35, January 31, 2002.
Elizabeth LUCAS Marchant '36, March 13, 2002.
Jane WOODSIDE Roe '36, March 16, 2002.
Helen HOLT Turpin '37, April 5, 2002.
Virginia RECTOR Thompson '37, April 22, 2002.
Beverly VANN Gilliam '39, March 5, 2002.
Julia ROGERS Watt '41, April 20, 2002.
Claire HASTINGS Warren '44, April 21, 2002.
Betty RAWLINGS Young '44, February 28, 2002.
Sara STODDARD Lazar '47, January 27, 2002.
Lucia "Lally" GREEN Keenan '50, May 2, 2002.
Jane Page KIRBY Stephens '50, March 16, 2002.
Jessica BENTON Nolton '52, May 1, 2001.
Betty GWATHMEY Matthai '53, December 28, 2001.
Ida Marcia MIDDLETON Ragan '53, January 23, 2002.
Frances PARRIS Altman '54, February 20, 2002.
Mary HILL Bryant '63, January 18, 2002.
Edwin Maxwell CREECH '64 MAT, January 27, 2002.
Karilyn Slye SLICE '73 MMus, April 12, 2002.
Jo Beth BUFFINGTON '83 MED, August 2001.
Mary Love Cates "Zoo" HAYES '88, March 10, 2002.

SYMPATHY

To Alia Ross Lawson, Honorary Alumna, on the death of her brother, Lawrence Calvin Ross, May 8, 2002.
To Mary CUTTINO Snyder '27 on the death of her brother, Edwin Cotesworth Cuttino, December 29, 2001.
To Blanche CREECH Wright '28 on the death of her brother, Edwin Maxwell Creech '64 MAT, January 27, 2002.
To Marguerite CUTTINO Haynsworth '30 on the death of her brother, Edwin Cotesworth Cuttino, December 29, 2001.
To Nell CLINKSCALES Foster '37 on the death of her husband, Julian A. Foster, February 18, 2002.
To Dorothy FOSTER Law '40 on the death of her brother, Julian A. Foster, February 18, 2002.
To Nell HOLT Hawley '41 on the death of her sister, Helen HOLT Turpin '37, April 5, 2002.
To Bettie VANN Sharpe '43 on the death of her sister, Beverly VANN Gilliam '39, March 5, 2002.
To Bessie RICE Ball '44 on the death of her brother, Enoch "Fluff" Blair Rice, April 17, 2002.
To Mildred AMES Anders '45 on the death of her husband, Ret. US Navy Capt. Samuel G. Anders, Jr., March 2, 2002.
To Pretto BRUNSON Cuttino '45 on the death of her husband, Edwin Cotesworth Cuttino, December 29, 2001.
To Elinor "Bob" RAGSDALE Wylie '47 on the death of her husband, William Lindsay Wylie, Sr., March 7, 2002.
To Nancy CHEATHAM Riggsbee '51 on the

death of her mother, Virginia Goode Cheatham, January 16, 2002.
To Lou WARREN Fuller '52 on the death of her son, Paul Franklin Fuller, Jr., May 17, 2002.
To Jeanne FOSTER Clark '54 on the death of her brother, Julian A. Foster, February 18, 2002.
To Peggy SIMPSON Dominick '54 on the death of her brother, James Isaac Simpson, Jr., February 24, 2002.
To Mary O'SULLIVAN Brown '56 on the death of her husband, Daniel F. Brown, August 2000.
To Winifred HARRIS Hobron '59 on the death of her husband, Robert S. Hobron, January 19, 2002.
To Frances MOFFETT Thackston '60 on the death of her mother, Cornelia Quarles Moffett, October 21, 2001.
To Joyce SEELEY Barnett '60 on the death of her husband, Morton Eliot Barnett, December 2, 2001.
To Suzanne GASQUE McIntyre '61 on the death of her mother, Suzanne LUCAS Gasque '33, March 29, 2002.
To Lera BORDEN Stalnaker '62 on the death of her husband, Lynn R. Stalnaker, May 24, 2002.
To Jane FERGUSON Watson '64 on the death of her mother, Janie MAYES Ferguson '32, February 27, 2002.
To Caroline ROE Miller '65 on the death of her mother, Jane WOODSIDE Roe '36, March 16, 2002.
To Elisabeth MARCHANT '68 on the death of her mother, Elizabeth LUCAS Marchant '36, March 13, 2002.
To Louisa BOYD Maynard '69 on the death of her father, Blake Boyd, Sr., April 7, 2002.
To Janet GENOBLE Dawson '69 on the death of her mother, Grace Moon Genoble, February 15, 2002.
To Martha HOLCOMBE Sinyard '69 on the death of her mother, Fannie Louise VERMONT Holcombe '32, April 21, 2002.
To Zoe MOORE Powell '69 on the death of her husband, Steve Powell, February 21, 2002.
To Jo WOODS Dantzler '69 on the death of her mother, Virginia Q. Woods, March 20, 2002.
To Sherri BOWERS '70 on the death of her father, Henry Grady Bowers, April 11, 2002.
To Mariam PIERCE Brown '70 on the death of her father, Judge Franklin Hankinson Pierce, May 14, 2002.
To Ellen BOYD LeMauviel '71 on the death of her father, Blake Boyd, Sr., April 7, 2002.
To Fran KEITH Reeves '71 on the death of her father, Jack Powell Keith, March 13, 2002.
To Lacy DENNIS Chapman '73 on the death of her mother, Jane McKinnon Dennis, March 17, 2002.
To Mary Bailey VANCE Suitt '73 on the death of her father, Robert Mercer Vance, March 13, 2002.
To Elmira KEENAN Weston '74 on the death of her mother, Lucia "Lally" GREEN Keenan '50, May 2, 2002.
To Robbie KEITH Holt '74 on the death of her father, Jack Powell Keith, March 13, 2002.
To Beth PEER Fraim '74 on the death of her mother, Mrs. Allen H. Peer, March 2002.
To Lee TAYLOR Boyd '76 on the death of her father-in-law, Blake Boyd, Sr., April 7, 2002.
To Margaret TRAVER Madden '77 on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Traver Gowan, April 4, 2002.
To Julia KEENAN Oliphant '79 on the death of her mother, Lucia "Lally" GREEN Keenan '50, May 2, 2002.
To Dawn GILLESPIE Pierce '80 on the death of her father, Roy N. Gillespie, January 2002.

To Andrea HOOVER Burden '87 on the death of her mother, Jackie Hoover, April 11, 2002.
To Alice FULLER Littlejohn '88 on the death of her brother, Paul Franklin Fuller, Jr., May 17, 2002.
To Julie SIMONTON '91 on the death of her mother, Jo Anne Simonton, February 26, 2002.
To Temple MCMILLAN Starr '92 on the death of her grandmother, Fannie Louise VERMONT Holcombe '32, April 21, 2002.
To Laura MARCHANT Williams '97 on the death of her grandmother, Elizabeth LUCAS Marchant '36, March 13, 2002.
To LeAnn BEAVER Woodward '98 on the death of her father, Odus Beaver, March 24, 2002.
To Caroline CUTTINO '01 on the death of her grandfather, Edwin Cotesworth Cuttino, December 29, 2001.
To Anna KERCHMAR '01 on the death of her grandfather, Alfred Peter Kerchmar, May 10, 2002.

MARRIAGES

Roberta BROWN Dargan '66 to William A. Gray, January 1, 2002.
Mary BERRY Holmes '72 to Harry Lantane' Johnston, October 27, 2001.
Julie CHASTEEN '81 to Bert Koon, March 24, 2001.
Melissa JONES Fontaine '82 to Frank Briscoe, January 12, 2002.
Tracey MOYLAN '89 to Mike O'Malley, February 16, 2002.
Jan ULMER '89 to Matt Hintz, April 5, 2002.
Anna Elizabeth MOSS '91 to John Andrew Dupps, April 27, 2002.
Cynthia WILLIMON '95 to Taylor Serson, May 11, 2002.
Holly Elizabeth HEPFER '96 to Abraham Wahler Reed, March 16, 2002.
Carolyn Rebecca HILL '96 to Thomas Mark Coleman, May 4, 2002.
Virginia Way CRAWFORD '97 to Courtney Stuart Phillips, May 18, 2002.
Jennifer Brooke EUBANKS '99 to Christopher David Williams, April 20, 2002.
Lucy Copeland HEATH '99 to Todd Reynolds Lee, May 11, 2002.
Rebekah HERNDON '99 to Thomas Allen Leslie, December 1, 2001.
Mary Catherine POTTER '99 to Scott Andrew Mitchell, May 4, 2002.
Rebecca Elizabeth ROLAND '99 to Zachary Phillip Hyleman, February 2, 2002.
Stephanie BORICK '00 to John Grace, March 16, 2002.
Amanda Marie CRANE '00 to John David Cox, Jr., January 19, 2002.
Stacy Elizabeth SIMS '00 to Rev. William Phillip Pike, February 2, 2002.
Katie Elizabeth BROCK '01 to Barry Lamar Burnette, April 13, 2002.
Bethany Ann MCKITTRICK '01 to Timothy Scott Morelock, January 20, 2001.
Melissa Ann QUAY '01 to Jason Wayne Scarborough, March 15, 2002.
Tina SOLLAZO '01 to Scott Agnew, May 20, 2001.

BIRTHS

Andrew Warren Kevic, June 25, 2001, son of Brian Kevic and Jennifer FOSTER '79.
Matthew Ellis Callaway, November 16, 2001, son of Matt and Wynne ALLEN Callaway '84.
Bernhardt Fredrick Jungking, January 7, 2002, son

of Bernie and Frances OATES Jungking '86.
William Henry Dobson, February 15, 2002, son of William Gregory and Rachel HEAN Dobson '87.
Piper Lee Phillips, April 17, 2002, daughter of Dirk and Michelle PHARR Phillips '89.
Katherine Mercer Hough, October 2, 2001, daughter of Emmet and Lawson EDWARDS Hough '90.
John Marshall Kirkley III, February 18, 2002, son of John and Laura LOCHEN Kirkley '90.
Caroline Elizabeth Conner, February 15, 2002, daughter of Richard and Pam MOREN Conner '90.
Caroline Gordon Daniels, March 12, 2002, daughter of Franklin and LeAnne PITTS Daniels '90.
Charles Cooper McBurney, April 28, 2002, son of Robb and Mindy ARBOGAST McBurney '91.
Susan Blythe Palmer, April 26, 2002, daughter of Lynn and Susie EDMONDS Palmer '91.
Mark Edward Vaughn, January 9, 2002, son of Richard and Mary GIOVANETTI Vaughn '91.
Elise Rebekah Trexler, May 11, 2002, daughter of Jonathan and Katherine VAN HORNE Trexler '91.
Corbin Delaney Church, December 4, 2001, daughter of David and Ginger CORBIN Church '92.
Ella Ruth Hardigree, January 8, 2002, daughter of Matt and Kelli GOSNELL Hardigree '92, '96 MED.
James Franklin Green III, April 18, 2002, son of James Franklin, Jr. and Laura MCLEOD Green '92.
Lillian Ashley Herndon, September 24, 2001, daughter of Wesley and Shana MUNN Herndon '92.
Rosabelle Margaret DuBois, May 2, 2002, daughter of Richard and Caroline BROOKS DuBois '93.
Matthew Gray Williams, April 10, 2002, son of Matthew and Regina FRYE Williams '93.
Anne Griffin Blakely, August 18, 2001, daughter of Terry and Cynthia JOYNER Blakely '93.
Sarah Eleanor Massey, July 25, 2001, daughter of Jeff and Maureen O'DRISCOLL Massey '93.
Pierce Kenneth Knowles, December 5, 2001, son of James and Kathy TOY Knowles '93.
William Benjamin Dean, Jr., January 19, 2002, son of Ben and Marian EPPS Dean '95.
Andrew Smith, November 6, 2002, son of Andy and Stella MCLENDON Smith '95.
Henry Lewis Spake, February 12, 2002, son of Michael and Mary Lucia SOLOMON Spake '95.
Kathryn Bayard Akers, February 27, 2002, daughter of Dean and Sonja COYLE Akers '96.
Morgan Browning Steinert, March 9, 2002, daughter of Joel and Kathleen ROCHEFORT Steinert '96.
Andrew Seidel Jordan, February 14, 2002, son of Kyle and Abbey SMITH Jordan '96.
Caroline Elizabeth Simon, January 6, 2002, daughter of John Watson and Rachel ROBERTS Simon '97.
John Ferguson Dunn, January 12, 2002, son of John and Chase NUGENT Dunn '98.
John Luke Sturgeon, March 12, 2002, son of John Mark and Jami Lynn STURGEON '98 MED.

ADVANCED DEGREES

Julie Anne SIMONTON '91, Master of Art in German Literature, University of South Carolina, December 2000.
Julie MCLENDON '93, Masters in School Leadership and Administration, The Citadel, August 2001.
Allison PARTRIDGE '97, Master of Science in Textile Chemistry, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, August 2000.
Katherine DOD '99, Master of Mass Communication, University of South Carolina, May 2002.
Stephanie FACKENDER '99, Juris Doctor, Stetson University College of Law, December 2001.

CAREER CHANGES

Malinda K. WILLARD '64, Professor of English, North Greenville College, Greenville, SC.
Nancy Gaillard OSBORNE '75, Executive Director, Berkeley County First Steps, Goose Creek, SC.
Beth CHILD '77, Executive Director, St. Luke's Hospital Foundation, Tryon, NC.
Michelle NOONEY '84, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Engelhard Corp., Savannah Operations, Savannah, GA.
Rev. Kelli D. WATERS '89, Associate Pastor, Union United Methodist Church, Columbia District of the UMC, Columbia, SC.
Carol BECKMANN-Bartlett '91, Principal, Cario Middle School, Mt. Pleasant, SC.
Moira DIRR '93, Sales Associate—Residential Real Estate, Shelley Sears Team, Inc., Atlanta, GA.
Jane Manning HYATT '93, Senior District Manager, Prentice Hall Publishing Co., Spartanburg, SC.
Kathy TOY Knowles '93, Elementary teacher, St. George's Day School, Germantown, TN.
Lisa ABBOTT '94, Membership and Development Manager, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL.
Kristin COCHRAN '94, Director, The Palladian Group, Spartanburg, SC.
Ray PIPER Bryant '95, Art and Photography Teacher, The Drawing Room, Charlotte, NC.
Rhett BOYD Leake '96, Senior Programmer Analyst/Business Analyst, BMW, Spartanburg, SC.
Carrie HILL Coleman '96, Events Coordinator, Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce—Convention and Visitors Bureau, Spartanburg, SC.
Amanda TAYLOR '97, Investor Relations Coordinator, Houston Partnership, Houston, TX.
Katherine DOD '99, Communications Coordinator, Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
Stephanie FACKENDER '99, Attorney at Law, Law Office of Joan Nelson Hook PA, New Port Richey, FL.
Angie ACKERMANN '00, Library Assistant, Children's Department, Spartanburg County Library, Spartanburg, SC.
Amanda CRANE Cox '00, Coordinator, University Housing, Furman University, Greenville, SC.
Debra SIMON '01, Tax Accountant, Extended Stay America, Spartanburg, SC.
Marion YATES '01, Counselor, Charter Hospital, Greenville, SC.

CLASS OF 1933

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representative:

Mrs. Blanche Dennis Cantey
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West Columbia, SC 29169

Another poem from “Be Fay”

Ode to my Aerobics Teacher:

Our teacher says “Breathe in and out”
That’s what this class is all about.
Suppose we breathed from “Side to Side”
And caused our insides to divide.
Our lungs would be the first to go
Down where our liver used to grow.
The liver would be our breathing cage
And cirrhosis would be the current rage.
With everything turned around so neat
We would walk on our hands
And think with our feet!!!

Marjorie Moore Armstrong keeps in touch with the Alumnae Office and is doing well at the Baptist Home in Ozark, MO.

CLASS OF 1937

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representative:

Mrs. Margaret Smith South
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Congratulations to **Grace Beacham Freeman** upon receiving the Converse Distinguished Alumna Award during Reunion 2002 weekend! Her husband John and other family members and friends were in attendance at the Alumnae Awards Luncheon to participate in the celebration. Also present was classmate **Nell Clinkscales Foster**. The Alumnae Office received a cheery note from **Catherine Alexius Emerson** of Wilmington, NC. She thinks about her classmates often and sends love to all. She also included an interesting article about the late Louise Wells Cameron ’44 for whom the new art museum in Wilmington is named. The daughter of **Margaret Smith South** sent news about Margaret’s well-being. She is making progress after she sustained a cracked pelvis twice. She currently resides in the Four Seasons Residence Home in Northfield, VT close to her daughter and is receiving good care. She was sorry to miss the reunion and sends her love to all.

CLASS OF 1944

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representative:

Mrs. Catherine “Cacie” Gant Powell

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I have some good news: **Cacie Gant Powell** will be our new class representative! Please note her address in the class notes heading. We had a most happy time together during Reunion Weekend 2002. The calendar reveals it was our 58th reunion year, but who’s counting? There were ten of us at the Golden Club luncheon with **Virginia McCall Gore**, retired, playing for us to sing our alma mater. Kelly Creighton, granddaughter of “**Sister**” **Buchan Creighton**, joined us and helped each of us to feel much younger! Kelly graduated from Converse in May 2002 with a degree in business and marketing. P.C. Howard Cummings ’43 also joined our group. At 5:30 p.m. Friday we were at The Weisiger Center in one of the gyms enjoying grilled shrimp and brie cheese followed by a full barbecue meal with all the trimmings. Walking around and greeting old friends and faculty was easy in this casual setting. Lots of spouses and some small children in strollers made this a family occasion. Saturday morning found several, eight in all, enjoying breakfast at “Papa Sam’s.” The alumnae recital was at 3:00 p.m. in Daniel Recital Hall. Three of my local pianist friends and I played two numbers on that program. **Mary Dyches Kenney** had hoped to be with us but had to have surgery in April. She is recovering well at her home in Aiken, SC. “Sister” Buchan Creighton and **Kent Seignious Freeman** drove to Spartanburg on Thursday. Cacie Gant Powell and **Edie McEachern Hicks** also joined us. From Spartanburg, **Grace Martin Phillips**, **Nell Moser Hitt**, **Margaret Workman Hudson**, and **Dorothy Whitten Knowles** were present. Dorothy had been confined following knee replacement surgery and it was so good to have her with us! Margaret has been in cardiac rehab with the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center for four years causing the years to roll back for her. She looks great! Her son, Dr. Chester Hudson, is a cardiologist in Cumming, GA. His daughter (Margaret’s granddaughter), Catherine, is a rising sophomore at the University of GA and is studying in Spain this summer. She has a double major in Spanish and biology in preparation for medical school. Another granddaughter of Margaret’s, Emily Womack of Houston, TX, is a rising junior at Baylor University. Kent Seignious Freeman has moved to the Bishop Gadsden Retirement Center in Charleston, SC. Edie McEachern Hicks from Florence, SC says they have the “best of both worlds” living six months in Florence and six months in Black Mountain, NC. When all of their six children along with their families get together, there are 46 folks, including 10 “great grands.” Cacie Gant Powell’s daughter,

Catherine, lives in Washington, DC where she is chaplain at the National Cathedral School for girls. Her daughter is a student there. Sister Buchan Creighton’s daughter, Clara Smith, is a physician in Tampa, FL. Sister’s son, Walter, had a liver transplant eight years ago. He now lives at Surfside Beach, SC. Her other son, Buchan, is a school administrator in Hilton Head. Remember to send your news to Cacie.

CLASS OF 1945

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representatives:

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Thanks to Dee for news of classmates in Mississippi and South Carolina: **Emily Fitchett Segars** is in an assisted living facility, Morningside of Hartsville. **Betty McCarty Edwards’** grandson Stephen, who graduated from high school in May, was named to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame as its scholar athlete. Her son Steve is national director of the Kindness Foundation, which distributes Bibles to Russian school children. **Isabel Russell McCarty** is moving from her home and building a town house in Jackson. She spends every summer in Vermont and will move into her new residence when she returns to Mississippi. We’re happy to report that **Cora Turner Morrah Rice**, who had serious surgery in April 2001, has been going to Duke Medical Center for treatments and her prognosis is good. And thanks to Mary Fab for reporting on classmates in Virginia and Pennsylvania. **Dot Harris Montgomery**, now in Martinsville, VA, will move to a retirement home in Charlottesville in September. This will put her three hours closer to her two daughters, one an attorney for Morgan Chase Bank in New York and the other a microbiologist who teaches at Merrymount College. Dot’s hobby is gardening. Each Christmas, now with some help, she decorates 36 Christmas trees in her yard. **Janet Scott Heinbokel** and her husband of 53 years met when she was a sophomore at Converse and he was a soldier at Camp Croft in Spartanburg. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and after the war went to Dartmouth College. They have recently moved into a beautiful condo in Millersville, PA, near Lancaster. Their two children live in Vermont and Annapolis. Janet had a difficult

experience last spring when, on the first day of a Caribbean cruise, she fell and broke her kneecap and suffered other cuts and bruises. Fortunately, the ship had a good doctor and the cruise line did everything possible for Janet’s comfort: meeting her in Belize with an ambulance, flying her to Miami and on to Baltimore, and taking her by ambulance to the Lancaster hospital. We do hope you’re feeling fine now, Janet.

CLASS OF 1946

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2002

Representative:

Mrs. Mary Helen Garrison Dalton
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Mary Ann Curry Howard recently moved in with her younger son, Tommy, who lives in Atlanta. He is a single father of Ryan (12) and Alexander (10). I know they enjoy having their grandmother living with them. I must tell you of the courage and spirit of **Dicksie Brown Cribb**. Last October a blood clot was discovered in her leg. Seven operations, none of which successfully corrected the problem, and seven months later in April an eighth operation was performed in which Dicksie’s leg was removed below the knee. In May she was in rehab with the most positive attitude. When she saw her prosthesis for the first time she said, “Those little toes need some nail polish!” You are an inspiration to us, Dicksie! At this age there are many in our class with burdens and afflictions who are handling them beautifully. Keep that positive spirit! **Rosa Strait** is great about keeping me informed of her activities. When I did not hear from her for a few months, I began to worry. A card arrived recently and as usual she is quite busy. Her painting is going well and she has found yet another passion—golf! **Marshall Bialosky**, a male music major in our class, is still a professional musician. He has a son who became a lawyer for the Comptroller for the Currency in Washington, DC and is now in San Francisco. Sometimes the apple does fall far from the tree. In April I accompanied Jim to Pinehurst, NC for an annual get-together with some of his Duke fraternity brothers. The wife of one of the friends is **Bettie Haughton McLaughlin**. I was fascinated by her flawless skin so upon my return home, I immediately loaded up on a fortune’s worth of the same cosmetics but don’t expect to see me wrinkle free! I’m sorry all of you could not make the Converse reunion in April. I think this was the best one I’ve ever attended and I’ve attended most of them. This year I was very pleased that my neighbor and friend, Elizabeth Yates



Class of 1947

Chalmers ’42, went with me as this was her 60th reunion. Remember she graduated and stayed over our freshman year as Miss Gee’s assistant and also sat at Miss Gee’s table for dinner. After December I know now that all of you can write but somehow you do not think your activities and lives are interesting enough to report. Even the smallest bit of news is of great interest so please stay in touch with me. Love and best wishes, Mary Helen

CLASS OF 1947

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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“Seven come eleven, we’re the class of forty-seven” and we had a great class reunion at Converse in April! Twelve of us were present at various events during Reunion Weekend. We spoke of all of you who weren’t with us and missed you very much. Attending were **Betty Jane Bramlett**, **Jerry Roser Crenshaw**, **Sarah Norwood Campbell**, **Lib Browning Davis**, **Eunice Rice Horton**, **Flo France Lyles**, **Ann Davidson Marion**, **Cynthia Moseley**, **Ruth Paddison**, **Martha Thompson Vermont**, **Dot Ouzts Williams**, and I, **Mary Young Cousar**, with Jim, who probably came the farthest this time. The Alumnae Art Exhibit featured two fine paintings by our own Dr. Betty Jane Bramlett. The Alumnae Day Luncheon honored our Ann “Davy” Davidson Marion with the Mae Kilgo Spirit Award. The entire Marion family was present and the class

of ’47 girls were proud to be there with them for the honor. Also, the Career Achievement in Music Award was presented to **Carlisle Floyd** (of the opera *Susannah* fame) who was unable to be present but was represented by his sister Ermine Floyd Matheny ’48. We were graciously entertained for cocktails in Martha Thompson Vermont’s home where we were joined by husbands, sons, and Carlos Moseley, Cynthia’s distinguished brother. Our class dinner, arranged at the Piedmont Club by Flo and Frank Lyles, was wonderful. Many pictures were taken and much reminiscing was done, but it wasn’t complete without you. We are giving Davy a rest so please send Martha or me news that you have! **Anne Terrell McKinley** was sorry she was unable to attend reunion as she was in Alaska visiting her oldest son and his family. She sends her best to all of us. Dave Wansley, grandson of **Lib Compton Wright**, graduated from Wofford in May. Granddaughter Elizabeth is in graduate school at Wake Forest. E. Dixon Crenshaw, Jr. son of Elton and Jerry Roser Crenshaw, is the new president-elect of the Wofford College National Alumni Association.

CLASS OF 1950

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representatives:

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Ann Hayford Bruning and Chuck took a detour en route from Chicago to Captiva, FL and stopped for a few days in New Orleans. They had not been there for many years and decided it wasn't the same. They saw the changes first hand. **Polly White Adkins** and Pug did their annual trip to Atlantic City with one of their daughters and her husband. It's always a fun time and they especially like the good shows they see. **Dot Ormond Grier** and Tom are still traveling but not around the world this time. They enjoyed a comedy weekend at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville and it must have lived up to its billing. She laughed until her sides hurt. They also took in a short trip to New York to see "The Producers." It was a winner even though the original leads were not still playing. We extend our sincere sympathy to **Bess Macaulay Lawton** upon the tragic death of her son-in-law, L. Anthony "Tony" Sutin, in January. He was married to Bess' daughter, Margaret, and they have two children, Henry and Clara. Tony was the Dean of the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, VA. Classmates, we are in need of a volunteer(s) to take our place as class representative(s). We have done what we could in this endeavor and feel that it is time for a change. Please consider this seriously and get in touch with one of us or contact Bobbie in the Alumnae Office.

CLASS OF 1951

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representatives:

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Editor's note: Dot surveyed her classmates for their favorite Converse memories. Enjoy!

Thanks for sharing these memories: **Nancy Cheatham** and **Evie Gilliland** studying all night (for Miss Alden's English test) during which time they smoked a whole pack of Camels! **Nancy Blakely** introducing Fam and KoKab '50 to fried chicken. **Jeanie Hollerith** witnessed the midnight mockery—the tapping of the order of the chisel. **Jane Taylor** is still proud of her "A" in English History. **Anne Smythe** remembers her uncontrollable giggles during the water pageant along with Lou Lewis. **Carolyn Bearden's** contrasting her dusty mailbox with Louise Clinkscale's "always a letter from George" mailbox. Also, Miss Richard's dress code rule—"No head rags in the dining room." **Eunice Sullivan's** memories of Doris Marley constantly singing the aria from *Carmen* in Main Hall; Nancy Cheatham's knitting a pale green angora sweater; Pat Riley in Dr. Woodruff's play; Ann McCaskill's alabaster complexion. **Pris Beard** recalls getting campused for tardiness—"I got around the confinement by not signing out when I dated Oren Judy" and she still remember's Betty Broyhill's beautiful wedding presents. **Sissie Snow** says "I'll never forget Georgia Free being my dance partner...such a good leader." **Maudie Bull:** being awakened one night by a large metal trash can rolling down three flights of Dexter stairs. **Doris Marley** still remembers Mary Ann Ramsey's high infectious giggle and Eunice Sullivan's insatiable craving for popcorn. **Ann Gwathmey's** vivid memory—she and Deveaux Johnston arranging the Dexter ghost project. **Nan Webb** asked "Could we ever forget how excited

we were when Libby Hamer was chosen May Queen?" Also, "At practice hall Malcolm Brown, Nancy Reep, and Doris Marley always knew who was doing what!" **Jo Chenault** and **Annie Anderson** remember Margaret Curry's 1000 bobby pins attached closely to her head. Jo's list goes on: Sara Tillotson's neatly coordinated outfits, Ann Gwathmey's giggle, Carolyn Bearden's perfect Spanish, Ann Ratterree's nimble fingers racing across the keyboard, Feeny Dunlap's charging down the hockey field, Nancy Cheatham's popularity, Libby Hamer's sweet smile, Nancy Ellerbe's crystal blue eyes, Max Barnard's photographic memory, Georgia Free's screaming for a fourth for bridge, Lou Lewis' perfect hair, gloves, and hat on Sunday. **Feeny Dunlap**—"I will never forget what a monumental task it was to wake up Ann Ratterree. Three cuts for her first class were not enough!" **Max Barnard** still remembers the surprise ending at the water pageant—Janie McNair (alias Santa Claus) turning over in her boat, almost drowning, upstaging the swimmers' finale. In closing, am I the only one who learned to knit argyle socks in Dr. Boyd's sociology class? Did Dee Michie really like those raw giant green peas? School may be out but our class—that goes on forever!

CLASS OF 1952

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representative:

Mrs. Susie Earnhardt Smith

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Our 50th reunion turned out to be wonderful. First, bouquets to our outstanding Converse President Nancy Gray. We had a fine weekend with the following "girls" back. **Dorothy Fudger Bassett**, who had come the greatest distance, from Monroe, LA; **Alice Smith Bell**, **Nancy Barr Carson** and husband Charles (Tiny); **Frannie Marston Duke** and husband Bill; **Katherine Hester Field** and husband Jim; **Ann Hall Hines**, **Martha Denny Jeter**, **Anne Jagger Johnston** and husband John David; **Polly Day Judy** and husband Oren, **Del Dellinger Poovey**, **Anne Foster Provence** and husband Herb, **Margaret McGowan Robertson** and husband Willie, **Betty Hargett Smith**, **Susie Earnhardt Smith** and husband Milt, and **Lou Warren Fuller**. The Golden Club luncheon on Friday honored all of us, and the panel of Converse students was terrific. An alumnae art exhibit was held in the state of the art Milliken Fine Arts Building, which will make Converse one of the outstanding schools anywhere for art majors. The All-Class Cocktail Party and Barbecue Friday evening at the new Sally Abney Rose Physical Activity Complex was an enthusiastic tribute to all the reunioning classes, with over

400 there. The Converse Dance Ensemble performed at Twichell, and the play "Present Laughter" was given at the Hazel B. Abbott Theatre. Saturday morning was a moving memorial service for those who have passed away. Our class meeting and picture followed, then the alumnae luncheon, with book signing afterwards by Dr. Jeffrey Willis. There was a wonderful recital and tours of the campus. Saturday afternoon Polly and Oren Judy invited us for cocktails at their beautiful new home on Montgomery Drive. We decided Polly has changed the least of anyone in the class, still cute, still smiling, same red hair. We enjoyed their hospitality. From there we went to President Nancy Gray's beautiful home for cocktails and an elegant dinner served by Converse girls. Here, too, in addition to Nancy and her husband David, we were welcomed by the Alumnae office staff. Now the news: Nancy Barr Carson and her husband Tiny live in Columbia and have three children. Nancy's mother and sister were both Converse girls. Katherine Hester Field and her husband Jim have retired to Montreat, NC. Her two daughters graduated from Converse; she is a docent for Montreat College Chapel, a volunteer for Montreat Mountain Retreat Association. They enjoy golf, travel, and bicycle riding. Anne Jagger Johnston and her husband John David have retired to St. George, SC, from Augusta, GA, to live in his family home. Anne was headmistress at the Episcopal Day School in Augusta. They are involved in the Lourie Theater, Planning and Zoning Commission for St. George, Kiduber Building Restoration for Museum. Ann Hall Hines, president of our senior class, lives in that ideal place, Isle of Palms, SC. She is the only one I knew who majored in chemistry, then received an MAT in math from Converse. Frannie Marston Duke had not been back since graduation, and it was a real pleasure to have her and her husband Bill here. Frannie is currently a docent at the Witten House Museum and a council member of Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Margaret McGowan Robertson and her husband Willie got there for the Saturday evening party at President Gray's. Every one was glad to see them; they were headed for the beach the next day. It was Betty Hargett Smith's first time back since graduation. She has taken master classes in piano pedagogy and studied at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University. She has three sons. She is currently Chaplain of Durham County Republican Women's Club, and last fall was chair of their 40th Anniversary Celebration. Did you know Martha Denny Jeter was an author? She co-authored a book on *The History of Cape Fear Hospital* and researched and wrote a documentary "From Hats to Spats," a history of social customs and dress of the Cape Fear area, which won an award from the Cape Fear

Historic Society. She is currently a soprano soloist at Wilmington's First Presbyterian Church and has served on the NC Symphony Wilmington Board. Anne Foster Provence always comes back. She is currently a volunteer at Christ Episcopal Church bookstore. Dot Fudger Bassett, originally from Jacksonville, FL, was married to a career naval officer (flyer). After his retirement, the family moved back to his hometown of Monroe, LA. There Dot was the executive director of the Northeast Louisiana Arts Council for twelve years and a Louisiana State Art Consultant. Among those who did not come, but wrote: **Mickey Vandenberg Dolan**, who lives in Portsmouth, RI. She had additional education at Plattsburgh State Teachers College and Schdevers Institute. She and husband John have one daughter and one granddaughter. **Aileen Kabrich Kennedy** and husband Whit have retired to Waynesboro, VA. They have three sons, one of whom lives in Spartanburg. Whit was at Wofford when we were at Converse, later attending Union, Princeton and San Francisco Theological Seminaries. **Betty Anne West Schauer** wrote an interesting letter from Houston, TX. She will be in South Carolina in August for a family reunion, but sorry to miss ours. She sends greetings and best wishes. Last summer they had a traveling get-together - gathered in Vienna for a few days, then went by train to Salzburg, Florence, and Rome. Her husband Jack orchestrated the whole trip. When not traveling, Betty Ann stays busy with home and church. Calling in to send their regrets and their best wishes to the whole class were **Ann Colhoun Martin** from Roanoke, VA; **Margaret Burks Fishkin** from Lynchburg, and **Gladys Lamb Barber** from Atlanta. We missed all of you who couldn't make it. I haven't purposely left out Susie Earnhardt Smith. She and Milt have three boys, all in Spartanburg, and two of them married to Converse girls. They have six grands and another on the way. Milt still practices law after 50 years. They spend their time traveling and going to their beach villa at Debordieu. Susie does mostly church related activities and has taught second grade Sunday school for 45 years. Still plays tennis every week. She and Polly Day Judy made all our Spartanburg arrangements from hotel reservations to planning the menu for our class dinner. In addition, Susie took care of financial arrangements and was our class agent. This will be my last news for the Bulletin, as we elected Susie our new class representative. Send her your news. I've enjoyed being class representative. Fondly, Lou

CLASS OF 1953

50th Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

Representative:

Mrs. Marilyn Mateer Sherrill



1951

Ann Herlong '51

by Beth Farmer '96, Editor



Ann Herlong with
Van Cliburn at
The International Piano
Competition for
Outstanding Amateurs.

My decision to attend Converse College to pursue a degree in music was greatly influenced by the love that my piano teacher, Ann Herlong, had for Converse. I am honored to spotlight her achievements as an accomplished musician who recently participated in the 2002 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs.

Mrs. Herlong never had any doubt that music was what she wanted to do with her life. She came on a music scholarship to Converse, and studied with Edwin Gerschefski. "Mr. Ger was the most wonderful inspiration. He meant so much to me, both musically and personally. He encouraged me and gave me confidence," she said.

Her career in music was put on hold when she married and started a family. As her children grew older, she began to teach private lessons and give regular solo recitals at Winthrop University. "I missed the chance to audition for music competitions because most were only for those under age 30," she said. Then in 2001, her opportunity for a piano competition finally came when she heard about the Van Cliburn competition for amateurs - the only one she knows of for musicians over age 35.

Mrs. Herlong was accepted as one of 75 competitors from around the world. "I was probably the oldest person there," she joked. In preparation, she practiced five hours each day, often rising at 4:30 a.m. to do so.

The competition was held June 1-9 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX. "There was a lot of pressure on the competitors, but they were all extremely supportive of each other."

Mrs. Herlong was thrilled to have been accepted, and is already looking toward her next concert because the competition was so inspiring. She also hopes to return to the next competition in two years. "I want to go again because I now know better how to prepare," she said.



Class of 1952



Class of 1957

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Golden girls in 2003!
It's hard to believe it will be you and me!
We want *everyone* to be here
For fun memories and good cheer!
So make your plans early
Hair done and teeth pearly!
No one looks the same
But we're all as cute as ever!
Our memories will never fade
Our friendships enduring forever!

CLASS OF 1954

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Alumnae Weekend, 2004
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The class correspondent is dreadfully lonesome for news of her classmates and wishes to remind them of their 50th reunion scheduled for 2004. Luckily a little news drifted into the Alumnae Office. **Liselotte Schmidt** resides in West Chester, PA and is a professor of music history at West Chester University. She has also performed a number of organ recitals in the past year.

CLASS OF 1957

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Alumnae Weekend, 2007
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organizing our 2002 Reunion. We all treasured the time we had together. Send NEWS!

CLASS OF 1958

45th Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2003
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On the day of writing this my lunch was a tomato sandwich spread between phone calls to ten of you who had not been heard from lately. All were gone to lunch; I wish I'd gone too. **Betty Anne Nelson Richardson** and I met that afternoon to write invitations for a party to welcome the newly married daughter of Mary Jane Pearce Holland '59 to Columbia. Nellie said **Betty Ann Porter Henning** and retired husband Bill had a wonderful time here when they came to the celebration for Nellie's son Donnie and bride Ryan. For years Porter has taught kindergarten at Holy Innocents School in Atlanta. They have two married sons living in the area, one with twins and the other with two children. The Hennings go often to their home in the Georgia mountains. Betty Anne said the reason I could not find **Isabel Hildebrand Morton** in Louisville is because Muff and husband are often on trips, especially to their condo on Sanibel Island. **Kay Hedrick Parker** phoned from Florence. Husband Freeman is still practicing internal medicine. They have one son in Charlotte and three in Florence and three grandsons and two granddaughters. She and Freeman enjoy being low key and on an even keel, which would be an ideal life. **Madge Jones Comer** returned my call from Brunswick. Having retired from teaching two years ago, she did anything except teach for the first year. She enjoyed substitute teaching last year because she missed the students. Madge's mother moved in with her eight years ago but now is in a nursing home at age 94! Madge's son, Emery, is an optometrist and her daughter, Kathy, teaches kindergarten. Madge had just been to visit **Susan Massengill Mood**. Converse roommates and with no real sisters, both feel like adopted sisters and visit often. After her children were older, Susan went to SMU to study interior design and was a member of ASID for 30 years. Her granddaughter will start school at Ashley Hall in the fall and will be in the same class with **Daisy Barron Leland's** granddaughter. Susan's son lives in Bermuda so she and Madge had cruised there to visit.

CLASS OF 1959

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With several thousand miles between Converse and me, I must consider "old" news better than "no" news. So thank you to Angela and Jayne for the following Christmas news: **Angela McKinnon Hammond's** daughter, Heather, lives across the lake from her and is pursuing her PhD in psychology at VCU in Richmond. **Jayne Callaham Burton** sent a photo of the view from her mountain home at West Jefferson, NC. Truly beautiful! She still has her "pink lady" on Lake Wylie as well. This lovely Victorian house was the setting for our daughter's wedding ten years ago. That's some kind of friend! "New" news as quoted from a March '02 newspaper article—"Her immersion into art began as a little pebble plopped into a still pond. It emanated into ever-widening circles until it touched people in places far away, but the little pebble that was in her heart remained forever rooted in her home." **Harriet Marshall Goode** and her husband, Martin, gambled on their city, investing in the renovation of the old People's National Bank building and making it their home. It is the penthouse that serves as both her art studio and their home. Works of art are scattered throughout in a home atmosphere. What a clever and sensible idea! She even opens their home to local groups for fund-raisers. As for me, no abroad biking trips this year for us. However, Buddy cycled the NC coast with a friend in April. And in May I visited our daughter, Allison, in Charlotte and then spent another week in Palm Beach with my sister. We cycle weekly in our area and as soon as the snow disappears we will start our biking in both the Cascades and the Olympics.

CLASS OF 1960

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2005
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I received a nice long email from **Frances Moffett Thackston**. She is still working fulltime at a large law firm in Charlotte as a legal assistant. Her husband, Barry, has retired, but stays active coaching Little League baseball and restoring a 1915 T-Model Ford Copperhead. Frances and Barry became grandparents for the seventh time on April 2nd as their son Fayette and his wife Lindy had a boy. On the same day they flew to Paris to meet their other son Tee, who has been stationed in Germany with the Army for the past

four years, and his three sons. They saw Paris together, traveled to Normandy, and then to Parsburg, Germany. She said the visit to Normandy was breathtaking when you think of the sacrifices made during WWII. Frances says her father is still living at the age of 91 in Staunton, VA. She visits him every month and Frances' brother and sister-in-law live there with him. Her son, Stuart, and his wife Connie '90 and their two girls will be moving back to Charlotte next summer. Daughter Nancy Cornelia has recently moved back to Charlotte. **Paula Tribble Moseley** has two children living in Charlotte and Frances sees her several times a year. **Virginia Dyson Hooper** is staying busy, still involved in real estate and was planning a trip to Myrtle Beach in May with husband Sam, who is now retired, and hoping to visit with **Sally Jordan Floyd**, **Alice Gamble Kilgo** and other classmates in the area. Virginia's oldest son, Ron, remarried a few years ago and at the age of 40 has a little girl, Dyson. He and his wife, Mignon, have a garden shop, Charlotte's Garden, in the Villa-715 Providence, in Charlotte, NC. Their other two sons both work for Disney in Orlando, FL. Their daughter, Becky, is married and lives in the Winston-Salem, NC area. Virginia writes that she still thinks of the fun days at Converse and would love to hear from you. She can be reached by email at VAHooper@aol.com. **Jackie Hackler Hayes** visited me in April and we went to Tryon, NC for the Block House Steeple Chase. Brought back many great memories from our days at Converse. **Frances Reedy Buyck** is in Manning, SC where she continues on the board of the Bank of Clarendon and also enjoys playing bridge on her computer! Her daughter, Rose '92, is the mother of Frances' only grandchild. Frances' son, Will, was married in July 2001. **Headley Barnsley** was honored in March by her employer, Allee King Rosen and Fleming, Inc. for her 20 years of service. Please let me hear from you; it's been great hearing from those of you that have written.

CLASS OF 1961

Next Reunion
Alumnae Weekend, 2006
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Thanks to those of you who responded to my email request, which seems to be an easy way to gather news. The only problem is that I have correct email addresses for so few of you, so I must beg those of you who are not on-line to communicate with me by other means. **Mary Beirne Kerr Nutt** and Bob had a wonderful trip to the Southwest, including the Grand Canyon, last fall. They spent some warm, wonderful holidays in Costa Rica with children. She says

that Staunton has received the Main Street America award, and her welcome mat is out! **Jeanie McMillin** gave the commencement address in May at U-Tex. She had to carry a large, unwieldy mace up the stairs and place it in its holder. She also gave a talk at Connecticut College in July. Jeanie has two granddaughters, Katie in Charleston, SC, and Morgan, in Richmond. **Noni Miller Lurding** is still teaching, and Don is still banking. Their son, Adams, got married in April, and he and his wife live nearby in Louisville, which pleases Noni no end! **Laura Simpkins Stock** and Ken spent six weeks during the winter in FL and SC. While in FL they reconnected with longtime friends and family and afterwards spent a month at Kiawah Island. Laura lunched with **Martha Brockington Roberts** in Charleston, and they spent a delightful evening with **Elsie Whetsell Stevens** and **Alice Haskell Sanders** at Alice's place on Seabrook Island. **Boo Bargamin Kral** is in Savannah and says it is a lovely city to visit! Her son, Teddy, works in Washington, DC, and daughter Emilie lives with her husband and children, William (3) and Ellie (1), in Jackson, MS. **Piedy Mahaffey Waterfall** has retired from her work as a speech pathologist. Son Charles lives in Philadelphia and son Chris lives with his family in Columbia. Piedy has two grandchildren, Dan (7), and a two year old girl, the first little girl in many Waterfall generations! Piedy sees Dada Harley Verner '62 around Newberry frequently. She saw **Sally Watkins Marshall** at a party in Columbia recently. Sally is still running Grice's Market, a gift and garden center, in Columbia. A wonderful article on Sally and Allen's fascinating house, designed by architect Allen and showcasing his art work and their many collections, appeared in *The State* newspaper last summer. **Penny South Kosztolnyik** visited her grad school roommate, Jane Briggs Rankin MMus '63, in Rhode Island in April.

CLASS OF 1962

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Alumnae Weekend, 2007
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There were 25 of us from the class of 1962 who attended our 40th reunion in April. It truly was a wonderful weekend and we really missed those of you unable to be with us. One of the many highlights of the weekend was when we received the "It's a Class Act" Gift Award for the reunioning class which donated the most

1964



Ellen Bryant Voigt '64

In early February, the Academy of American Poets named Ellen Bryant Voigt '64 the recipient of the 67th Academy Fellowship. Given in memory of the poet and late Academy Chancellor James Ingram Merrill (1926-1955), the fellowship is awarded for distinguished poetic achievement at mid-career.

Ellen is the author of six collections of poetry. Her work has also appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, and many literary journals. She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guggenheim Foundation, and the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund.

In recognizing Ellen's achievements, Chancellor Phillip Levine said, "Book by book as both the voice and the craft matured, her vision has expanded while the language has retained its precision and humility." He went on to describe Ellen as "a trained musician, bringing her sense of song as well as her gift for narrative to the making of her poems."

In July, Ellen and Heather McHugh will publish *Hammer and Blaze*, an anthology of contemporary American poetry.

money to Converse. Way to go - Class of 1962! One of our classmates in Spartanburg is **Jolene Willard Bryant**. She is retired from teaching and has worked as a supervisor for the Converse student teacher program for the past five years. Jolene's daughter, Laura, is also a graduate of Converse and is a teacher in Spartanburg County. Jolene's husband, Jerry, and Laura's husband, Jeff, own Spartan Collectibles - an antique and coin collecting shop. Jolene enjoys volunteer work and is the president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina. **Mareon Chapman Stall** and husband, Newt, continue to live in Greenville. Mareon enjoys keeping grandchildren Jordan (5), Emily (18 mons.) and Bryant (1). She is also active at First Baptist Church, where she is a deacon, a Sunday School teacher, takes part in a Bible Study and serves on committees. Mareon also enjoys volunteer work, and in addition has agreed to help with our class notes. **Patsy Davis Nates** and her husband, Jim, moved back to Columbia in 1999 when he retired from the ministry. However, Jim came out of retirement in 2001 and is serving St. James United Methodist Church in Columbia. Patsy stays busy with many projects related to St. James UMC and enjoying their 11 grandchildren. Driving in together from the Atlanta area were **Julie Blackwood McNeill** and **Dottie Henderson Wise**. Julie lives in Decatur and continues to work as a travel agent although she has now cut back on her hours and is working from her home. Son Jeff and his wife Terri live in Charlotte and have three children. Daughter Allison and her husband Mike live in Madison, MS with their three children. Julie's youngest grandchild is Ramona Jane Benefield, born in December, 2001 to daughter Anna and her husband Thomas. They live in Atlanta. Julie does volunteer work at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, with a group of friends who feed the hungry on a weekly basis, and is on

the board of directors of her condominium association. Dottie lives in McDonough and continues to work as an associate broker with MetroBrokers GMAC Real Estate, Inc. Her husband, Tom, has retired from the Bank of America and now works with Dottie in the real estate business. Their older son Henderson, his wife Suzanne and their two children have recently moved to Gastonia, NC. Son Winn, his wife Kim and their two children live in Newnan, GA. Daughter Betsy, her husband Rich and their two children live in McDonough. Dottie is an Elder in active service at McDonough Presbyterian Church and is the chairperson of their Building Committee. She is also a member of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. **Jane Jackson Avinger** and her husband, Bob, have lived in Davidson, NC for 35 years. Their daughter, Mary Charles Montgomery, and her family live there also and their son Robert, Jr. and his family live in Charlotte. Jane and Bob thoroughly enjoy having their five grandchildren nearby. Jane and Bob are interested in their community and its growth, and are active in Davidson Presbyterian Church and gardening is a passion for them! At present, Jane is a director of the following: Davidson Retirement Community (The Pines), the J. C. Raulston Arboretum (NC State University), the NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center (Charlotte), the Cultural Education Collaborative - CEC (Charlotte) and the Wing Haven Garden (Charlotte). She is also on the Board of Visitors at Stowe Botanical Gardens (Belmont). **Randy New Armstrong** and her husband, Allen, live in Greer, SC and their son, Allen, Jr., and his family live nearby in Greenville. Daughter Mary and her family live in Atlanta. In the past, Randy has been active in volunteer work with the Friends of the Zoo, which she and two close friends founded in 1976, and Survivors of Suicide. However, since



Class of 1962

1985, she has been intensely involved in painting. She is a signature member of the South Carolina Watercolor Society, the Upstate Visual Arts, the Georgia Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society. Randy had several pieces selected for the Alumnae Art Exhibit during April at the newly renovated and expanded art gallery at Converse. She was accepted into the Georgia Watercolor National Exhibition and received Signature membership in April. And Randy was awarded the Mary S. Litt Memorial Medal and a monetary award. Then, one of her paintings was selected to hang at the American Watercolor Society International Exhibition in New York City in April and May. Randy, Allen, and Allen, Jr. attended the exhibit and dinner in NYC. When any of her four grandchildren visit, they enjoy putting on an apron and painting in Granny's studio! (More news next time from other classmates.)

CLASS OF 1963

40th Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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Heartfelt thanks to **Gelene Duncan Ellsworth** for writing the '63 news column last year. This fall I had the chance to see **Nancy Thayer Jennings** while visiting **Hattee Zeigler Christian** at Edisto. Nancy is still as lively as ever and Hattee as hysterical as ever. Hattee and I also spent a couple of nights at **Ann Flinton McLeod's** wonderful Isle of Palms house along with **Cecelia Quantz Nettles**, **Nancy Brown Davis** and **Sallie Huckel Baker**. Bathrobes, diet Cokes, wine, nibbles, chatter and pouring over the old annuals pretty much characterize the visit. Sallie and Hart Baker moved from Orlando to Chapin, outside of Columbia, about six years ago and have won the hearts of all they have met. Their 13 year old grandson, Drake, has been raised by them since he was 3, so they stay moderately busy golfing, kayaking, ice skating, hunting, doing homework, and you can imagine what else with a 13 year old—and Hart hasn't even retired. With all of this, Sallie has time to make lovely ceramic plaques that several gift and garden shops carry. **Carlisle Caughman Harvard** and Joe spent two weeks in Switzerland in 2000, one week as tourist and one at the World Council of Churches conference center. This was a gift from their congregation in commemoration of Joe's 21 years as minister of Durham's First Presbyterian Church. They also participated in a study/dialogue at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA as part of the sabbatical gift. Joe was among seven specially chosen scholars from around the world. It began a week after Sept. 11, so it was an intense two

months. Carlisle continues to enjoy being director of the international program at Duke. **Cecil Lewis Caldwell** is leaving her job and trying to decide her future since all of the children are out on their own. **Mary Nicholson** was honored in May by the Spartanburg Little Theatre for her 30 years as director of the Spartanburg Youth Theatre. The Little Theatre's production of *Annie Get Your Gun* opened with a special "Evening with Mary", a Western-style barbecue party honoring her. The honors also included the establishment of a scholarship for a student to study theatre at Converse. A number of young people who have worked with Mary are now performing in New York. She is also a valued instructor in the Theatre and Dance Department at Converse. Please note my new email address and let me hear from you.

CLASS OF 1964

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2004

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Wedding season is upon us and the most news we can garner is that of friends and family that have been glimpsed at the various celebrations of our classmates. That they were present is proof positive that many of us are alive and doing quite well. The son of Anne Trammel Holmes '66 was married in Johnson City, TN this spring to the goddaughter of **Liz Harkins Biosco** and in which the son of **Susan Craig Murphy** was a groomsman. Susan reports a beautiful wedding and the special treat of seeing **Lynn Perry Young**. Recently I saw **Joan Foster McKeown** at a Spartanburg Little Theatre hoopla and she reported that she is enjoying her second career as a legal assistant for the lawyers for the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. She was once employed there as a teacher. Best of all though, she and **Babs Humphries Chung** make quarterly excursions to the mountains, beach, and NYC to ensure quality mental health. And **Sara Jane Evans Allen's** daughter, Susan, was married recently in a beautiful ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg. Sara Jane relayed she was having difficulty with her "mother of the bride dress" but not to worry because the good looking son (and Sara's godchild) of **Drake Dodd McCain** was escorting her down the aisle and all eyes would be on him. It was fun to see Drake and learn that she has four sons, one of which lives in Spartanburg and is an administrator with Spartanburg Regional Hospital. All of Drake's sons were ushers in the

wedding and the Spartanburg daughter-in-law was maid of honor. **Dorothy Correll Wellons**, **Ellen Holmes Gramling**, **B Kennedy Durham**, **June McIntosh Uhler**, **Reecie Smith Blackburn**, and **Susan Craig Murphy** were all present for this occasion, enjoying good food, dancing, and entertainment. It was a very happy time. The day after this writing I left with my daughter at the College of Charleston to go to New England for a week where we visited my other daughter in Boston and then attended my niece's wedding in Connecticut. This was followed the next week by a cousin's wedding here in Spartanburg. Happily this groom is from Durham, NC and I visited with **Nita Gay Hughes Gladstone** and Don who hosted a dance after the rehearsal dinner. This was a fun time for my family also as my children and Stewart's brother returned to Spartanburg for this event. Dear **Rosanne Dargan Brasington** called after a long silence and a promise of monthly visits en route to see her son, and most importantly her grandchild, in the mountains of North Carolina. It appears she has found a better route than traveling through Spartanburg. However, she is well and enjoys a yearly special excursion with her sister, Martha. Last summer (2001) they tripped out West to Phoenix and made the "Great Circle" traveling to the Grand Canyon, Zion Canyon, Canyon de Chez, Brice Canyon and Monument Valley. This summer (2002) it is to Ireland they will go taking a tour with an emphasis on Celtic sites and the spiritual heritage of Ireland. Please send us your news. It is harder than you would imagine keeping us in touch with no input from you. I still love to read about our classmates and hope you will send information.

CLASS OF 1965

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2005

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From Charlottesville, VA: Calico Corners in-home consultant **Beverley Grow Benner** enjoys tennis, gardening and does a limited amount of decorative painting for special clients. Son Neil is receiving his MBA from the University of New Hampshire; son Jake and daughter Julie are in college in the fields of medicine and business respectively. From Memphis, TN: Rhodes College flute instructor **Ruth Ann Miller McClain** performed last March at the Dutch Flute Convention in Amsterdam and was heard on Dutch Radio. Active in the National Flute Association, she divides her time between Memphis and Marianna, AR, with husband Bill, a retired banker. Son William recently graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.



Class of 1967

Computers are Ruth Ann's hobby. Check out her web site at www.fluteconnection.net. Her daughter Helen McClain Earney '93 was married in October. Helen is the pastry chef at Ronnie Grisanti and Sons Restaurant in Memphis and husband Bryan is the presiding judge at Southland Greyhound Park in West Memphis, AR. *From Morganton, NC:* **Anne Coffey's** travels took her to Austin, TX this spring to visit daughter Anne and son-in-law Jon. Daughter Cecile, son-in-law Mike, and granddaughter Morgan (3) live in Greensboro where they are building a new home. *From Columbia, SC:* Although husband Laney has retired, **Melinda Harley Ruff** continues her insurance career. In this business for over 20 years, she does commercial marketing at a large agency. Son Harley practices law in Beaufort, specializing in estate planning. He and his wife have a 2-year-old son named Clayton. Son Andy is single and lives in Columbia. *From Mount Olive, NC:* Many thanks for your responses to my email message. Note my new email address. I am receiving at home.

CLASS OF 1966

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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Great to hear from **Sally Thomason Russell**. Her eldest son, Bo, and his wife, Allison, had twin boys on December 24. What a wonderful family

present to have little Earl IV and Samuel arrive at Christmas. Sally's younger son, Rob, is in his third year of medical school at MUSC. Daughter Katherine is married. Sally loves keeping up with all of them. I talked briefly with **Kathryn Aderholdt Portwood** whose daughter, Anna Kathryn, is to be married in September and will live in High Point, NC. Hickory and I hope to get together with **Connie Roper Connelly** who is now an ordained Episcopal priest in Charlotte. Connie and I spoke a year or so ago when she was in seminary in New York. We are so proud of you, Connie. **Mitzi Smith Hagan** and husband Paul are 'empty nesters' as their eldest daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from Harvard in June and son Bowie is a sophomore at Colorado College. **Paula Russell Vaughan** is enjoying her new house in Boulder, CO. Her daughter, Sarah, is also living in Boulder and her son, Gordon, travels across the US in event marketing. **Gay Cooper Nightingale** and husband Downing are delighted to announce their first grandchild, a girl born in April 2001, to son Downing III and his wife Trista. Gay has even learned to smock! Son Cooper is a pilot for Continental Express, based in Newark, NJ, but has an apartment in Jacksonville. Let me hear from you this summer. Contact me at my Vermont address included in the class notes heading. Wishing each of you a fun-filled summer with family and friends!

CLASS OF 1967

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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What a grand time we had at our 35th reunion! Our numbers were small, but our enthusiasm would surely have won an award. We missed those who were unable to attend but we look forward to hearing from you over the next five years and seeing you on campus in 2007! Many thanks to Dicke and Bryan for doing a super job as our class representatives. In agreeing to take over as class reps, they somehow forgot to tell us about the summer deadline! Previous commitments made it impossible to "get the nitty-gritty news" of our classmates together by that date. But we promise that the holiday issue will be worth the wait! Those that enjoyed chatting non stop were reunion old timers **Betty Webb Jelks**, **Nancy McCall Poynor**, **Ann Armour McCoy**, **Judy Gordon Collier**, **Bryan Daily Adair**, **Dicke Tredway Sloop**, **Cherry Able Goldson**, **Lucia Cleveland Johnson** and **Sandra Jones Husted**. They were joined by **Anne Jones Holloway**, **Jane Higdon McLendon**, and first timers **Marsha Sams Thrift**, **Anne Randolph Bennett**, **Sophia Salters Sawyer**, and **Brooks Sanders Hamilton**. Joining the group for the day were **Clara Irwin Traver**, newly-wed **Peggy Harnsberger Vetterlein** and **Kathleen Kirkwood Quincy**. It was a real joy to watch our own **Sandra Sherard Bethea** and **Kay Wyatt Cheves** receive special recognition awards at the luncheon. **Jenny Kimbrel Bunn** and **Maggie Myers Morris**, mother-in laws, joined the group for a delicious dinner at the Spartanburg Country Club. It was fun to walk around campus and visit our old stomping ground. The new athletic facility is huge and gorgeous and ground will soon be broken for a new science and technology building behind the Montgomery Student Activities Building. All seems right and good at Converse. Consensus from the group was that we really hadn't changed so much...a wrinkle or two here and a few pounds spread around in all the usual places. We are convinced that we out-talked and out-remembered more than any other reunioning group. We missed you! Keep those emails coming! News from some unable to attend reunion: **Florence Wofford Liddell** and husband Roger have been in New York for the over 30 years and enjoy it more all the time. Their son, Torrey, graduated from Bowdoin College in May and their daughter Alice is also a Bowdoin College graduate. She is returning to New York after living in Boston for a few years where she was in environmental consulting. **Bruce Horton Childers** is in Macon, GA and retired June 1st after 34 years of teaching. **Mollie Wheeler Stone** sent news that the last of her four daughters, Mary, is a rising sophomore at Stanford.

CLASS OF 1968

35th Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003



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Hi gang! Make a note that Spring of 2003 is our next reunion. Please join us! **Emily Horton Wood** wrote that she loves her Atlanta Converse connection because they share such a rich history. Emily is in dream analyst **Justina Lasley's** dream group at Dreamkeeper. Emily has lunch as often as possible with **Suzanne Wimbish McElwee** who is a school counselor with Gwinnett County in Duluth, GA. Emily is still the best of friends with **Cathy Inabnit** who is Director of Development at Georgia Institute of Technology. Emily is currently working at the Trinity School where **Martha Barron Barnes** is a kindergarten teacher. **Elizabeth (Liz) Welch Hood** wrote to say that she received a degree in applied music in 2000 and is an adjunct professor of Spanish at a community college in Salisbury, NC. Husband and artist Walter Hood is working on a mural called "The Way of The Cross," a protestant version of "The Stations of The Cross." Liz also wrote that she heard from Gail Wofford '69. Gail was working in a nearby building at ground zero on 9-11, but was able to escape to safety. Following my 16 weeks stint as an adjunct professor of acting and drama at Columbia College, I was asked to direct Neil Simon's *Barefoot In The Park* which opens November 15th at Workshop Theatre in Columbia, SC. The show is still funny, and I'd love for lots of you locals to come see the show.

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Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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I have not heard from most of you so hope you are fine and busy and not wasting your talents! Most of us haven't heard from **Betsy Andrews** since we were sophomores and she is now Bett Padgett. She and her husband Bill live in Raleigh, NC and have a son who is a computer specialist in the Research Triangle. Bett has been teaching guitar and music at NC State University since

1980, and is releasing her fourth CD. Her third CD, *Hatteras: If a Lighthouse Could Speak* won national recognition due to the successful relocation of America's tallest, most loved, and famous lighthouse (you know that one in NC). Bett writes that her first CD was partially funded by a grant by the United Arts Council of NC and local counties. Also Bett hosts the House Concert Series, the Little Lake Hill House Concerts, bringing in artists from all over the world for shows in her home. What a great surprise to hear from Bett — another talented member of the Class of '71! Congratulations to **Carroll Sibley Clancy** upon her election as the Converse Alumnae Association president-elect. **Lil Scarr White** has been in St. Simons Island for the last four years playing lots of golf and tending to her 12 year old cat and three year old lab. She says she travels as much as she can, preferably to warm places! **Bobbie Daniel** was delighted to see **Joye Quattlebaum Meadowcroft** in May when she attended her nephew's graduation at Christ School in Arden, NC. Joye's son, Paul Cantrell, was also graduating. Joye is the rector of All Saints' Church in Clinton, SC and her husband, Jeff Meadowcroft, is rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Laurens, SC. **Lou Haslett Evans** was honored by Porter Gaud School in Charleston, SC, with the John Gibbs Award given to a Porter Gaud teacher each year. This award is especially meaningful as the recipient is chosen by the Twelve Year Society which is comprised of those students that have attended Porter Gaud for twelve years. In Shelby, NC **Page Parsons Sherer** was one of four women honored as Distinguished Women of Cleveland County by the Cleveland County Commission for Women. Page is the director of Educational Services and Promotions for *The Shelby Star* newspaper and has been instrumental in the newspaper's award-winning participation in the national Newspaper In Education program. What a stellar group we have! Write me, Mindy or Dee as you have time. TCOY, Byrd

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Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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What a wonderful time we had at our 30th Converse reunion! Classmates **Kathryn Finch Godbold**, **Anne Johnson Kaplan**, **Sallie Robins Johnson**, and **Nancy McCall Poynor '67** joined me for lunch on Friday at Abby's Grill to start the festivities. It was so nice to see so many of

1968

Captain
Jane
Hartley
'68



On June 4, Captain Jane Hartley '68 was named Commanding Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Wilmington, N.C. In taking the position, Captain Hartley not only brings a wealth of experience, she also shatters a ceiling for women by becoming the first female Commanding Officer in the Coast Guard.

Wilmington provided the ideal setting as Captain Hartley accepted her first active duty assignment there. Her next assignments were to the Office of Health and Human Services at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C.; the Marine Safety Office Puget Sound in Seattle, Washington where she served as both the Chief of Environmental Response and Chief of Port Safety and Security. In 1988 she was transferred to the Thirteenth Coast Guard District Office in Seattle, Washington to serve as Chief of Reserve Training.

Following her tours in Seattle, Captain Hartley was assigned to the Second Coast Guard District to head one of the newly formed District Response Assist Teams. There she coordinated pollution response training for all units in a 22-state region and assisted in response efforts to the Mid-west floods of 1993 and 1995. She next served as Executive Officer at Marine Safety Office Duluth, Minn. until her reassignment to Coast Guard Headquarters in 1997 where she worked in the Reserve Policy Development Division.

Captain Hartley's personal awards include: Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (two awards).

you and hear your news. **Sissy DeWitt Carroll** and her family recently returned to her hometown of Darlington, SC. She and husband Jim purchased an older home next door to her mother. Son Russell is a student at Penn State and daughter Marian is a sophomore at Converse. Sissy teaches art at an elementary school in Darlington. She has also volunteered to assist in keeping up with our class news. **Kathryn Finch Godbold** lives in Florence, SC and is the business manager at the real estate firm of Griggs, Floyd, and Grantham. Kathryn has two daughters: Emily, an environmental - civil engineer living in a suburb of Chicago and Amanda, a senior at Rhodes College and working in Colorado this summer conducting white water expeditions. Kathryn plans to experience the "great outdoors" while visiting her. Kathryn also reports that she enjoyed seeing **Nancy Walker Holmes'** son, Bratton, at a wedding in Davidson, NC. A 1998 graduate of Davidson, he is married and teaches Latin at a private school in the Raleigh/Durham area. **Melissa Fowler Smith** lives in Spartanburg and teaches science at McCracken Junior High. She and her husband won the award for traveling the longest distance to attend our reunion. Anne and husband Bruce live in Brewster, NY with their two children. Anne is the chairperson of guidance at Byram Hills School District in Armonk, NY; she presides over a large staff and enjoys the traveling part of her job as well. She will present at the National Association for College Admission Counseling national convention in September in Salt Lake City. Anne's daughter Donna and son Bruce are in high school. **Sally Pride Schraibman** received her MBA from USC and resides in Columbia with husband Arnold along with son Marshall (11). Sally also has three stepchildren: Cathy, Michael, and Gary. Arnold is a CPA in Columbia. **Sallie Robins Johnson** is a property manager for Central Shelby Ltd. in Birmingham, AL, a 48 unit

apartment complex, family-owned, government -financed for low-income families. Husband Jim is president of Johnson Development and develops medical office buildings. Her daughter Sumner lives in Atlanta and works for Wachovia Bank, and son Milton is a 2002 graduate of Wofford. Jim is an active Wofford alumnus so the Johnsons travel to Spartanburg several times a year. Sallie also keeps busy as vice president of the board of directors of the Alabama Botanical Gardens and finds the experience enjoyable and rewarding. It was nice to see **Helga Wendt Schmettau** at the alumnae luncheon. Helga received a chiropractic degree several years after graduation from Converse. She resides in Spartanburg and keeps busy with her three adult children: Manuel, Nina, and Antonia. **Lucy Wilde Warren** treated all in attendance at the alumnae recital to a fabulous piano performance. Lucy composed and performed a suite of pieces for an advanced piano student. She lives near Orlando, FL with her husband Blake and two sons, Matthew (18), and Nicholas (15). She loves shelling at Sanibel Island, as well as composing piano music. Lucy teaches 20 students at Rollins College and is the keyboard editor at FJH Music Company in Fort Lauderdale. She also composes and writes educational materials for piano students published by the same company. **Elizabeth Wooten Welling** is a teacher assistant at the Hammond School in Columbia, SC. Elizabeth's husband, Robert, is retired and they have two daughters, Emily and Caroline. **Shelley Williamson Widenhouse** is a city planner for the Centraling Council of Governments, a regional planning agency (zoning, subdivision, grants, etc.), in the Charlotte, NC area. She lives outside Concord, NC on a 16 acre farm filled with horses, cats and dogs. **Ruth Anne Early Dorsett** lives in Tallahassee, FL and is president/owner of Southeastern Dental Studies. She has three

children: Jay, Georgia, and Amanda. **Maria Grimball Harvin** lives in Columbia, SC where she works as a real estate legal assistant for a law firm. **Amanda Johnson Bass** is working at The Chase School in Louisville, KY. **Ann Richards McCall** is in Spartanburg where she is active in community volunteerism. Her husband, Dick, is the newly-elected president of the Wofford College Alumni. **Sally Williams Thompson** continues to reside in Saddle River, NJ with her husband Steve and three children: John, Stevie, and Allie. Sally stays busy with community volunteer work, playing golf, traveling and her 16-year-old daughter's hectic schedule. John is a MBA student at Wake Forest and Steve is a junior at Gettysburg College. Tom and I continue to enjoy life in Greenville, SC. Our son, Tom, is a senior at The University of the South and spent the summer studying at St. John's College at Oxford, England. Sissy and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Alumnae Weekend, 2005

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I hope this finds everyone doing well and enjoying life. I have received no information from you but hope that you will alert our new class representative, **Avan Yates Moore**, of all your news. Please note her address as given above in the class notes heading. Our oldest daughter, Bailey, will be a freshman at the College of Charleston this fall. Charlotte (14) will be in the 9th grade and Taylor (11) will be in the 6th grade. Come to see me if you are ever in Spartanburg and let me know if any of you have freshmen at Converse and/or Wofford as we would love to "adopt" them while they are in school. The Alumnae Office received news from **Jane Thompson Jilich** of Charleston. As an interior designer she has been involved with the restoration of the McBee House located on the Ashley Hall School campus. Love, Ruthie

CLASS OF 1976

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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I received a wonderful email from **Sister Rutland**. She is still "repping appliances." Her territory was expanded in Mississippi so she

travels more. She sees **Molly Liles Carter, Cecelia Yow Thornton** and Rebecca Rhodes Sibley '77 every Monday at Bible study at Rebecca's house. They have a great time as you can imagine—the teacher has to constantly say "girls! girls!" since they talk a lot. The four of them went out to supper with Melanie Smith Kears '75. Nothing like girls' night out with OLD friends! Molly, Cecelia, and Rebecca all have seniors heading to college this fall. **Pamela Nielson Price** has been in Charleston for 17 years where her husband, Jim, specializes in hand surgery. Their son, Justin, finished his sophomore year at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Two years ago they moved into a 30 year old rambling house so her mom could move in with them. Pamela returned to teaching music after a break of 22 years. Would you believe **Jeannie Nissen King's** son is in her class? Pam and her husband also run a nonprofit organization, ICAN, and have taken teams of volunteers to Romania for the last nine years to work in an orphanage with some extraordinary children. She keeps in touch with Drue Coats Ray '78 who has three sons and travels with her to Romania in the summer. **Louisa Amis** called from Nashville. She enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to Rob (3) who is learning to ride a pony and play t-ball. Louisa attended an alumnae event in April at the home of Barry Mitchiner Caldwell '69 in Nashville. Last August Louisa and her son visited **Haidee Clark Stith** and her daughter, Evelyn (3), at her beach house at Pawleys Island. She occasionally talks to **Aline Allston Ferguson** and visited her on the way to Pawleys Island also. Aline has two children, Sam and Amy. **Carol Inglett Evans** and husband Michael have lived in Greenville, SC for 20 years where he is the senior partner in a group of 25 anesthesiologists. They have two sons: Michael, Jr. (22), a junior at Auburn and Will (21), a sophomore at the University of South Carolina. **Molly Adams Hemsworth** and her family have moved to Winston-Salem, NC after 22 years in the Northeast. Husband George has a new job, sons Matthew (16) and Will (14) will be in new schools, daughter Dee (21) will make a college transfer and daughter Elisabeth (19) will be a rising sophomore at Mary Baldwin. Molly says it will be a new life for her—maybe she'll reinvent herself! Please send emails, cards or call. Take care. Love, Leah

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Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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Well, if you weren't at our 25th reunion in April, rest assured we talked about you. But then we talked about many, many things. We had a wonderful group who came to see Converse and catch up with campus happenings and classmates. **Bet Tarrant** is working with the ETV Endowment in Columbia, playing tennis twice a week, and active on the Sustainer Board for the Jr. League. She keeps up with **Gail Rawls Jeter** who is living in Columbia. **Robbie Dana Reading**, your co-class rep, is also in Columbia as is **Jean Parks Bunch**, both of whom came to see the many changes in our campus. Robbie is enjoying her children and husband Ted's renewed health. Jean is the mother of a Wofford freshman and she took **Jane Boatwright Schwab** (who was wearing the world's best-looking shoes Sat. morning), **Kristin Nielsen Koepfgen**, **Debbie Christiansen Anderson**, **Prather Nielsen Smith**, and **Harriet Wilson Newton** to visit Fraternity Row. My freshman roommate, **Susan Hull Dickerson**, was also up from Atlanta looking gorgeous and showing off photos of her two lovely kids. It was also great to catch up with **Irene Robertson Long** who came all the way from Holly Ridge, MS. She has three children, one of whom is in college at SMU. Harriett is in Griffin, GA with two children and serving on the board of the Griffin Spalding Historical Society. **Susan Smith Eberhardt** is living the good life in Panama City Beach as a self-employed artist in an empty nest as daughter Hope is at Furman. **Pam Ellis Hall** wouldn't have missed being here and seems to keep up with everyone. She and David are still in Burlington where she is an instructor of medical technology at Alamance Community College. And she still talks just as fast as she used to! **Carter Desportes Hall** entertained us with stories of folks who have come to her for loans. She is with Wachovia in Charlottesville, VA as a personal financial advisor.

She and husband David are the parents of one son. **Laura Randle Gainey** joined us for dinner on Saturday night. She is living in North Augusta and in the process of opening a horse riding and training facility with daughter Emily. **Leslie Scoles Provence** came over from Greenville. She is Dr. Provence now, having earned her PhD in marriage and family therapy. Congratulations, Scoles! She and Hall have a daughter, Elizabeth, at the Hartt School of Music and son Hall, an avid golfer, is at Christ Church School. **Janet Andrews Phillips** is living near Greenville and doing lots of volunteer work. One of the biggest surprises was seeing **Clayton Lippincott Peterson** come roaring up on her motorcycle from Atlanta. She looks great in black leather. She has twin girls, as does her freshman roommate, **Susan Fuller Hindricks**, who was here from Matthews, NC. Susan's twin girls are just a few months younger than Clayton's. Susan also has a daughter who is 14. Good luck, girls. **Marguerite Callahan** came in from Nashville where she is a nurse practitioner. **Rhonda Logan Wills** was kind enough to let Marguerite practice on her after she got choked in the restaurant. The evening ended happily and Rhonda charmed the ER doctor. She has three children: Rachel is a student at UNCC, Charles (15) is a gifted swimmer, and Logan looks just like Harry Potter. **Josie Rudolph Stokes** was hosting Marguerite for the weekend. Josie has three girls: Clare who graduated from Wofford in May, Betsy at USC, and Sally at Spartanburg High School. I am fortunate enough to see Josie a lot. We were all disappointed that **Rhondy Valdes Huff** was unable to come up from Charleston and **Mary Jane Simmons Candler** didn't make it from Atlanta. Both were here several months ago when Josie and Mary Jane were guest coaches at a Converse All-Stars basketball game. **Donna Wilson Dornes** came all the way from Redmond, Washington for the weekend. She showed up with **Nancy Nix Jones** who is living in Greenville,



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as is **Nina Sullivan Williams**. Both Donna and Nancy are looking super. **Ansley Hassell Boggs** was serving a dual role at Alumnae Weekend. She was both an alumna and a professor. She is still teaching in the Education Department. Husband Mac was proudly showing off the new addition to the art building, which is just gorgeous. **Patti Solesbee Foy** is also still at Converse as a professor of music. Missing was **Betsy Brewer Grimes** who is busy at the Church of the Advent and keeping up with her three: Rob, Annie at Salem, and Patrick, a sophomore in high school. She and Frank are still working with Young Life and have been doing so since 1973. **Catherine Love Brunson** did not attend because of “child duty”. Her daughter, Allie, is a talented vocalist at Spartan High. Small world: I directed Allie in a play two years ago! Anyway, Byrd looks great and is still teaching art. We also missed **Susie Beckham Jackson**, who is teaching at Spartanburg Tech and winning creative writing awards (Hub City Hardegree Creative Writing Prize—a \$500 scholarship to the weeklong Wildacres Writers Workshop in Little Switzerland, NC this summer). She has two girls: Cassie at PC and Suzanne at Spartan High. **Susan Kirby Poe** wrote that she is in Tifton, GA with her husband, Wayne, senior pastor at First Baptist Church and sixth grade daughter, Catherine. Susan is teaching music part time at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College. **Katherine Graves King** has two children in college and is a practicing nurse midwife in Chattanooga, although she travels a good deal. Wish you could have traveled to Spartanburg, Kat. Next time, OK? **Nezzie Smith Jeter** is a sales associate with AFLAC in Mauldin, SC. She also has two in college: one at USC and one at Greenville Tech. I am still in Spartanburg and within walking distance of Converse. Maxcy and I have two children: Tripp will be a junior at The Citadel and Kathleen a freshman at the College of Charleston. We are wondering what a quiet house will actually sound like. As I mentioned, Robbie Dana Reading and I were elected to be your class reps this go-around. Please write, email, call, anything! We want to have lots of news about our class as kids grow up and leave home. Wonder who will be the first grandmother? Anyway, check out the ways to contact either Robbie or me and JUST DO IT!

CLASS OF 1979

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2004

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I write to you from Camden with lots of news of your classmates. **Anne Cushman Prettyman** participated in the Great Bermuda Walking Marathon logging 26.2 miles in 7 hrs. 19 mins. for the American Diabetes Association. Anne proudly reported it was a huge success and a great personal experience. She and husband, Jim, have built their dream home on Harkers Island in NC, and are looking forward to retirement. Her son, John Douglas, attends the College of Charleston, and daughter, Morgan, is loving life and friends as only a 16 year old can! **Julie Brice Benton** is living a “creme de la creme” life in the suburbs of Paris near Versailles. She and her husband have bought a house with lots of extra room for company, and will be there for the next few years with John’s job. You can bet I’m making plans to visit - bien sur! **Vera Lynn Kellum Sheets** made lots of trips in 2001 including San Antonio where she and husband, Randy, attended a choral conference, visited the Alamo and enjoyed the shops and restaurants along the River Walk. Her children, Ryan (11) and Lindsay (8), are enjoying school and many activities including scouts, gymnastics and music. **Suzi Early Via** and her family enjoyed Christmas colonial style when they visited Williamsburg, VA. Her oldest daughter, Mary, loves her school life and classes at St. Catherine’s in Richmond. Emily, in 5th grade, loves dance and horses, and Margaret, in 2nd grade, enjoys being a “little rascal” most of the time! **Katherine Fragassi Ezickson** is still working at her desktop publishing and learning how to update web sites. Work continues on her Victorian doll house, and she attends workshops where she learns to make everything imaginable in miniature! Her children, Jesse (8) and Philip (12) love their music lessons, taekwondo, computers, camps and school. Her husband, Jack, enjoyed a great fishing season that helped offset a difficult tax season when his assistant delivered her baby sooner than expected! **Margaret Rinehart Smith** writes that her son, Park, is a KA at Wofford College, and one of his classmates is the nephew of **Anne Preston Carey**. Margaret noted during Parent’s Weekend how lovely Wofford’s campus is in the daylight - compared to the nighttime perspective she had of the campus from her college days! Her teenage daughter, Jeanne, keeps her busy. **Susan Ganey Conley** is better after back surgery, and had a great family trip to Las Vegas. They toured the Hoover Dam, rode the roller coasters, and enjoyed the neon lights Vegas style in a limousine - a first for the kids! News from **Libby Cuttino Tilson** states that she teamed with classmate **Annie Loud** in the presentation of the *Messiah* last December. Libby conducted the Chowan College Community Chorus and Annie was the concert master. Libby also directs bands at the Ridgely School in Murfreesboro, NC. I had a

part in Neil Simon’s female version of “The Odd Couple” in January 2002, and **Nancy Boatwright Holt** organized a small Converse reunion. Ten classmates made the trip to Camden for lunch, shopping, a cocktail party, the theatre performance, and dinner afterwards. In addition to Nancy, those in the audience cheering me on were **Lea Stallworth Moore**, **Jeanne Jackson Mize**, **Jean Arthur Hungerpillar**, **Anne Lawless**, **Macky Dana Dunbar**, **Kathy McCuen Huntley**, **Beth Ardrey Simpson**, **Katherine Shurley Hargett**, and **Julie Brice Benton**. We had a great time, and I certainly appreciated the support. Remember to write! Take care - Ceya.

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Alumnae Weekend, 2005

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Greetings Pink Panthers! **Patrice Miller Ligon** was the first to write after receiving our last notes. She was inspired after reading about her buddies and hopes that more music majors will be in touch. Patrice and her husband, Walter, live in Woodstock, GA with their two daughters, Anne Douglass (15) and Sarah Elizabeth (10). She notes that like everyone else, she spends a lot of time attending their activities. Anne is involved in ROTC and karate while Sarah enjoys Irish step dance, swimming and computer lessons. Patrice has worked as a paralegal since 1989, but most recently has signed on to join the staff of the Campbell Music Studio to teach piano. She also will be performing this spring as half of a piano duo for the local PTA and Cherokee County Arts Council events. Her Converse degree was in musicology rather than performance so she considers this a huge challenge. Best of luck to you, Patrice. In her spare time she is transcribing some notes for a lawyer friend who is co-authoring a book on Southern women jurists on the highest court. She reports that Converse will be pleased to know that the South is the only American geographical area that has women on ALL of its highest courts. Her husband, Walter, worked for Law Environmental Services cleaning hazardous waste sites all over the world, but moved last year to E.D.S. Contracting. He still travels. Thanks for your newsy letter Patrice! I also heard from old Andrews hall buddy, **Dawn Gillespie Pierce**. She and her husband, Kent, live in Atlanta,

GA where she is teaching special education at an elementary school. She has had a resource classroom for the past ten years. After getting out of the army, Kent has started his own business. Dawn says it is hard to believe but their daughter is 14 and their son is 16. Only one more year and they will be paying for college! Dawn had recently been in touch with her Converse roommate, **Nancy Lindsay-Merte**, who is married and living in Minnesota with her two small children, being a full time mom. I’d love to hear from our classmates so please give me a call, email, or drop by and visit if you are near Birmingham. Love to all, Sarah

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Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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I apologize for missing the deadline last issue, but am thrilled to have news to share now! **Marianna MacIntyre Taylor** called to rejoice that her tenure as PTO president at Pine Street Elementary in Spartanburg has come to a close! I’m sure she’ll find plenty to do raising Charlotte (8), Marianna (13), Benjamin (14), and Ben (44). She was excited to report that she ran into **Lanie Folline Epting** in Columbia at a basketball tournament recently. Marianna’s 3’5” third grader played Lanie’s 6’4” third-grader! Marianna also worked the school concession stand with **Kim Waugh Gravlee** recently who has a child graduating from high school as does **Nancy Horne Vetter**. **Lisa Johnson Bentley**, soon to be in that category, has been looking at colleges in NC and SC with her oldest, Claire. While Lisa and Danny love their new home in St. Louis, they want their girls to go to school in the South! Lisa said that **Carol Upchurch Campbell** and Sam are busy planning a big YPO meeting in Cape Cod this summer. **Amy Warren Beaty** and Brad have the cutest boys, Sam (4) and John (7). I visited her in Richmond this winter to attend Sam’s christening. Amy and her business partner are doing some really interesting historic preservation work in their interior design business. Amy says that **Cornelia Christian Vranian** loves living in Lynchburg with her two boys. **Sally Herlong** was named “Educator of the Year” at York Technical College. Sally, her sister, and her mother (Ann Ratterree Herlong ’51) had a



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wonderful trip to Austria and Germany in April. **Carla McKelvey Clausen** emailed that she had a wonderful trip to San Francisco in April. She loved Alcatraz, Pier 39, and watching the sea lions. She stays busy at home in the moving business with her husband and brothers and visits the beach often. Tommy and I are still in Birmingham and have three children and three weenie dogs. Our kids will be in three different schools next year, so carpool and my exciting career in the laundry room will make for an interesting year! Carla and I want to include news from ALL of you in our next notes, so just email us anytime! Our email addresses are given above in the class notes heading. Take care!

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Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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It was so good to see everyone at the 20th reunion. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did seeing old friends and visiting the new facilities on campus. Many thanks to **Claudia Barton Coleman** for being our class rep for the past five years. She is now moving on to serve on the Alumnae Board. Special thanks also to **Nancy Smith Gage** for inviting us to her home and arranging the class dinner at the Piedmont Club. We stayed so long they finally had to run us out. Did you know that Nancy has 16 members of her family that have attended Converse? I hope her daughter will be next in line. **Lan Nguyen Shortt** introduced us to her husband and two precocious boys who are learning to speak five languages! It was great to see **LaMurl Turk**

Morris and **Kimberly Branan Rooker** performing at the alumnae recital. Now that I’ve picked my flute up again and we live so close to each other, I hope we can get together to play a little music. Maybe at the next reunion, we can get **Elizabeth Williams Grayson** on stage also. One of my fondest memories of Converse was participating in Elizabeth’s senior recital. We were very proud to have this year’s Career Achievement Award go to **Phyllis Perrin Harris**. Phyllis told us at the class meeting that she has accepted a new position with the EPA in Washington, DC. Congratulations! Some of our classmates who couldn’t make it included **Amy Caroline Whisnant**, who is having a successful career as an opera singer in NYC. **Melissa Jones Fontaine** is also singing professionally in Atlanta. **Ann Grimball Peebles** is moving her family close to the Charleston area where her husband has accepted a new church. I think Ann’s daughter Laurie is also planning to attend Converse. **Sharon Roddy Waters** is back in Asheville with her new husband. She is also a minister. One of the nicest things about reunions is getting to know former classmates that one may have only known briefly while a student. In my case, I look forward to visiting with **Becky Nutter Cassidy** at every reunion to share quilting news and to catch up on life. There were many other classmates at the reunion about whom I haven’t written. I should have taken notes talking to all of you so I could share your good news. I hope you will keep in contact with me. Snail mail or email, I’ll read it all. I have a class list, so if you’re looking for a classmate, contact me and I’ll pass on the address I have for them.

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20th Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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Lise Ritsch Sundrla has given us an update. She is living in Savannah, GA with her husband John. She is the executive director of the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority – the downtown economic development and revitalization arm of the City of Savannah. She and her husband have three cats and a cocker spaniel named Tucker. John is a musician and real estate appraiser. She also writes that her dad, (and former Converse professor) Dr. Frederick Ritsch, Jr., is doing well and has just retired from Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA. Lise has been in touch with **Peggy Merriss**, who is in Decatur, GA and **Gaye Elder Huskey**, in Goose Creek, SC. She also has a Converse grad on her staff, Kristin LaCross from the class of 1997. It was great to hear from you, Lise. For the next year please send your news to Elizabeth as she will be writing our news. Hope to see lots of '83 Red Devils at the next reunion. It will be here soon, April 2003, as a matter of fact! Kim

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I don't have too much news to report this time. It seems as though I only get lots of correspondence at Christmastime. **Happy Smith Mason** wrote Krisila recently that she sang in the White House with an auditioned group called the Park Cities Chorale of Dallas, TX during Christmas. This was quite an honor to be chosen since the number of performing groups has been greatly reduced due to 9/11. Due to security measures, Laura Bush was not allowed to come downstairs, but she could hear them. Happy said the decorations were gorgeous. **Nancy Fulton Kearns** emailed that she is still in Cincinnati and keeping very busy with raising her two children, John (7) and Johanna (6). **Denee Walsh** emailed Krisila that she spent spring break with 15 students and 15 adults in Europe. They started in Paris, moved on to Nice, Monaco, Cannes; from there they went into Italy—Pisa, Florence, Assisi, and Rome. It was a wonderful trip, but very exhausting. She was able to take her daughter, Elizabeth, a great traveler for a nine year old. **Gigi Dawson** has a new job as pediatric oral health coordinator for Commun-I-Care, a non-profit agency that provides health care for the working poor. She coordinates Smiles for a Lifetime, a school based dental clinic that provides oral health care for children in under served rural areas where access to dental care is very limited. She is also responsible for expanding this program into as many rural areas in SC as possible, as well as coordinating a statewide awareness campaign on the importance of good oral health. I recently had dinner with Gigi, **Kelley Maloney Liggitt**, **Julia Ivey Cagle**, and **Deans Richardson Fawcett** to celebrate our 39th birthdays. Next year is "the big one" for most of us. I would love to hear how all of you will be celebrating your 40th! Again, I'm begging

you to send Krisila your email address if you haven't already. You will get the class notes months before the rest of the world and we can let you know other little tidbits. Until next time, keep those emails coming!

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Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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Katie, Monica, and I would love to hear from you! We see each other regularly since we all live in Columbia. Katie and her husband, Dan, stay busy with their two children, Andrew (11) and Caroline (6). Monica and her husband, Matt, have three children, Player (8), Will (5) and Annalee (3). Scott and I have two daughters, Kennedy (4) and Elizabeth (3). Monica and I see **Elizabeth Jones Beal**. **Cathy McAllister Watson**, and **Sarah Shealy Smith** daily as our children attend the same preschool. Elizabeth and her husband, Michael, have three children, Pinkney (6), Michael (5) and Duffy (3). Cathy and husband, Cal, have three children, Catherine (8), Jay (5), and Bess (2). I run into **Libby Anne Kepley Inabinet** at Junior League meetings. She looks great! **Hunter Stabler Cantey** and her husband, Jack, are renovating Jack's grandparents' home and she is teaching the 2nd grade. They have one daughter, Margaret (6). **Anne Moore Hayslip** and husband, Carson, have moved to a new home in Columbia with their four children, Scott, Robert, Will, and Amy. Please email us with your latest news! Take care and God Bless!

CLASS OF 1987

Next Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2007

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We had a great time at our class reunion in April! The attendance was terrific with at least 40 members of the class of 1987 there! **Laura Chappell Bauknight** opened her home to us

for a class get-together, which was co-hosted by **Sarah Lanford Harrelson**. Thanks to these Spartanburg girls for providing us a place to gather! While we were socializing, we listened to **Anne Trenning Sasser's** CD, "Suite Tea." Anne is certainly a talented pianist, and we can all say we knew her when! Anne is living in Charlotte, and will be producing a new CD this fall. There was lots of news from the reunion, and I hope I don't leave anybody out! **Ashley Kilgore Wimmer** and her husband, Rick, traveled to New York on their nine year old daughter's coattails to see her perform an Irish dance at the Plaza Hotel. Collier was photographed dancing in the family's front yard to raise money for the World Trade Center victims, which led to the invitation to New York to dance and meet the president of Ireland. **Sheila Wilkerson Chatto** is living in Hickory and recently became a deacon in her church. **Lynn Dye Smith** is practicing law in Augusta, and is busy with her three children. **Margaret Cone Moran** has recently moved from Atlanta to Pennsylvania, and says she is often delayed on trips around town by Amish buggies. What a lifestyle change! **Janet Bean** is living in Charleston, and spends her free time shopping for her sister's triplets. **Becky Seegar Eller** is living in Rocky Mount, NC, and is busy with her three children. **Marion McNair Coleman** keeps the road hot between Columbia and Winnsboro, where she lives. We were all happy to see **Mel Clyburn**. Mel was not at work on September 11, but was close to the Pentagon at her apartment. She always has interesting stories about her job. **Paige Pennington** is practicing dentistry in Mississippi, and she says her psychology degree from Converse also comes in handy when dealing with her patients! **Andrea Lyles Hueble** is living in Greenville with her husband and two daughters. **Erin Docherty** attended the class dinner with her baby daughter. Erin is living and teaching in Spartanburg. **Debbie McGurk Atkins** is also living in Spartanburg. She is a beginner pilot, and is also learning to hang glide; these hobbies must relieve the stress of working on her MBA! Debbie passed along some information about other classmates: **Valarie Rodman Hoss** is living in Matthews, NC, working for State Farm, and is busy with her three year old daughter. **Ellen Creech Nordstrom** and **Lynn Baker Gentry** are both living in Charlotte. **Gloria Smith Barrett** is busy in Maryland with her three children. **Julie Kisiel** is living in San Francisco. **Allison Ingram Scripps**, **Toni Malone Atchley**, and **Andrea Hoover Burden** are all living in Atlanta. Allison passed along information that **Allyn Talbot Johnson** has recently moved from Myrtle Beach to the Florida Keys. **Wallis Crum Bond** is in Columbia and enjoying her year old son, Charlie. **Stephenie Syer**

Gwaltney is living in Huntsville, AL, where she counsels parents of autistic children on diet intervention. Stephenie and her husband have two children. **Elizabeth Finlay Vingi** is in Mt. Pleasant, and stays busy with her three boys. **Peggy Hair Alford** and her family have traveled recently to Maine and Italy. They rented a house in Tuscany, and also spent some time traveling around the country. **Beth Woods Sessums** is teaching kindergarten in Tampa. She and her two children visited **Rachel Hean Dobson** and her family in Pawleys Island. **Jane Harlan Beson** is living in Summerville. **Clarkson Parent Bowling** and **Julie Norville** traveled to the reunion together from Atlanta. Clarkson is busy working and enjoying newlywed life. Julie is also busy with work and enjoying life in Atlanta. **Donna Mason Burnside** and **Cindy Kuhlke Cannon** are both in Augusta, and are busy with their children. **Nancy Davenport** is managing her family business, Jackson Davenport Opticians, in Charleston. If any of you need glasses, you know who to call! **Jennifer Bray Fant**, **Elizabeth Smoak Groce**, and **Terri Minton Lessenberry** are all living in Greenville. **Elizabeth Shelton Roddy** was unable to attend the reunion, as she and her family have been living in Senegal, Africa for the last two years. They have recently returned stateside, and will be living in Tampa for the next few years. **SheeShee Ferry Van Inwegen**, her husband and their two boys are living in Warsaw, Poland. I was able to visit her when we adopted our daughter, Anna, from Ukraine. SheeShee says life in Warsaw is interesting, but also very challenging. **Anne Longley** has recently married, and she and her husband have moved back to Spartanburg. **Barbara Council Bonner** is living in Charlotte, where she is busy with her three children. **Cheryl May Hawkins Steadman** is living in Charleston, where the activities of her two children keep her moving! **Sherrie Moss Board** and **Rebekah Jennings Murphy** are both in Atlanta, where they see each other often. **Catherine Frick Eldridge** is keeping busy with her house, three children, and the many activities Prosperity, SC has to offer! **Adele Penland Boyce** is an independent pharmacist in Spartanburg, and is busy with her daughter, Meredith. Many thanks to these girls for the terrific job they did as class representatives for the last five years. I am excited about being the new class rep, only because it means I might hear from you all! Please put both my email and street addresses in your address books, and keep me posted on what's happening in your lives!

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Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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Thanks for your great response to **Linda Layman Redding's** heartfelt appeal for news. How wonderful to see both Linda and **Carissa Mosteller Burns** on the cover of our Converse Bulletin last month! The interviews were enlightening, and the comments from both women indicate their level of professionalism and dedication. We are proud of you, Carissa and Linda, and not surprised at all about your success. **Katie Goodrich Vinyard's** email indicates that she is doing well. She is still teaching 2nd grade but has moved to a school much closer to her home. Her son, James, is attending the Pre-K program at the same location. **Amy Dudley Edwards** wrote to catch us up on life with the Edwards family. She is still working as her husband's part-time office manager. She says, "I'm only in the office part time so that I can still do the fun things in life...running back and forth from gymnastics, to piano, to swim lessons, to scouts, and to church!" Her girls Maggie (5) and Julie (9) keep her busy. Her major accomplishment of late was completing the Mardi Gras Marathon in New Orleans on February 17. She walked with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of her father, who died of complications from leukemia in November 2000. Unfortunately, she had just about recovered from the marathon when her grandmother passed away on March 12. Our sympathies to you. Amy has recently been bitten by the genealogy bug and is currently spending hours on the computer and in the research area of libraries tracking down family long gone. **Shanon Moore Cheney** also has two girls, Catherine (8) and Alexandra (4). She is now living in Raleigh, NC and reports that husband Rich is still with State Farm, while she stays busy with church activities, Bible study, and service on the board at Catherine's school. **Jenny Stachura Hudson** and husband John are in Augusta with two daughters, Juliana (5) and Isabel (2). They are building a house and it seems to keep getting bigger, against Jenny's intentions. And her invitation is open to our class: "If any classmates are in Augusta, I'll always have room!" **Elizabeth Brown Snyder** also let us in on her busy life.



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She and her husband, Allan, live in Winchester, VA with their three year old, Ellis. Elizabeth works as the senior occupational therapist at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV. Allan does much of his work in Northern VA (Leesburg, Springfield, Reston, etc) with distribution and installation of custom hardware (shower enclosures, door locks and finishing hardware). Elizabeth let us know that SC still holds a place in her heart: "We are still down in Beaufort and Charleston several times a year and will actually be down this summer for my little brother's wedding." **Stacie Olexy Sharp**, the most faithful correspondent ever, is staying busy with her family in Jackson, MS. She is a dedicated volunteer and has been for several years an active participant in fundraisers for leukemia and Alzheimer's disease. Thanks to all for sharing the news of your lives with us! Please email, call, or write Linda, Ashlin, or Becky with your updates.

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Alumnae Weekend, 2004

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Jan Ulmer Hintz and her new hubby Matt, recently promoted to Master Sergeant, will be relocating to Lexington, KY for his new duty assignment. I can't believe Jan is finally moving out of Carolina but she says she will remain a true Clemson fan forever. **Tracy Moylan O'Malley** and husband Mike live in Athens, GA where he is a golf professional and Tracey is still working for Unisys as a senior business analyst. She stays in contact with **Joy Johnson**. **Marlyn Canero Ciesla** emailed from her Chicago home to say she, husband Jim and daughter Rebecca went to the Philippines over the holidays to celebrate her grandmother's 99th birthday. Being quite the travelers, they also made a short stopover in Hong Kong. **Sonya Fry Graham** keeps in touch with **Tammy Malone Croft**. She said Tammy is doing well with husband Vincent and their two little girls. **Kelli Waters** has moved to the Columbia area where she has a new job assignment (see Life Events). She received the Eula Peterson award for excellence in preaching for a sermon series she wrote and delivered focusing on healing communities for survivors of domestic violence. She also received the 2002 Volunteer

of the Year award from Safe Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition in Spartanburg. She says she is looking forward to living in Columbia, a new church, and living on Lake Murray at Yacht Cove! I (**Angie Williams Cash**) have been talking to **Nicky Jent Greenway**, **Margaret Gordon**, and **Suzanne Scruggs Lastinger** lately as we are planning our annual girls' weekend trip to Hilton Head. It is so much fun to get together with classmates. Try to plan some mini-reunions of your own with your college buddies and send us an update on how everyone is doing and where they are now. We want to hear from *everybody* by email, letter, or phone call, especially those of you who never send in an update.

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Always on the move, **Lesa Underwood** has packed her bags and relocated to Boston. I am sure that is a big change from sunny California, but I know she is glad to be on the East Coast again and closer to family and friends. Also on the move is **Deidre Park** who just bought a new house in Tallahassee. I recently heard from **Pam Moren Conner**. She and Rick are getting settled in Hartsville where Rick has started his own law practice. I (Mary) am pleased to be back in the Upstate because I get to bump into my Converse friends a lot more frequently. I saw **Mary Kenyon Robards Jones** and **Sheri Starnes Balcerzak** at the Mister Rogers exhibit in Columbia. All is well with both of them and their children. Sheri keeps in touch with **Alicia Smith Brown** who is living in Albany, GA. Her mom just retired to Albany from Johnson City, TN and has been a tremendous help with Paul IV. **Lisa Lyle Fields** is still working at the Spunky Munky in Spartanburg for any of you needing adorable children's clothes. **Winnie Brown King**, who is always up to something interesting, found a Converse class ring from 1978. She called Converse, and they found the excited owner. **Tricia Berry Hensley** reports that she, **Gwynne Brown Goodlett** and their husbands met in New York City and

were spotted on the *Today* show. Gwynne is no longer working outside the home, and is relishing every creative day with Spears and Mazie, her year-old twins. Tricia continues to work for the Kettering Foundation in Dayton, OH. Also in NYC is **Lee Reese**, who is on assignment in Manhattan for six months with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and loving the big city life. Lee is based in Boston and is doing some incredible home improvement projects on the weekends. On the job front, **Sandy Elferdink Burton** has just passed the Florida state exam for her real estate license and is now selling real estate with Prudential WCI Realty.

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Alumnae Weekend, 2006

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I must say, I have been jealous to hear through the grapevine about what a success this spring's reunions were. Only four more years until our next one! I had an email from **Mary Giovanetti Vaughn**, informing me that she and her husband, Richard, are still in Columbia, where she is a pharmacist at the VA Medical Center. I also heard from **Katy Stevison** online. She is now in private practice in Emergency Medicine in Chicago. She and several connies had just returned from a week together in Mexico in April. **Tina Fuller Abbott** joined them. She is still in New Orleans and running marathons, recently qualifying for the Boston Marathon. **Edie Scott** went as well. She is now independently contracting her audiovisual design business from her home. **Jane Dempsey** left her thriving landscape and florist business to join them also. **Lisa Gentry Postec** traveled long miles (again) to reunite with her pals there as did **Claudia Davis Donovan**, who now lives in London, with her husband of one year. Lisa and her husband have moved to Brussels, Belgium, where Yves works for the European Union. **Heilig Miller** was there as well. She remains in Durham, working for the textile company and traveling in her free time. This is certainly evident, since I also heard from Claudia about another trip that she, Heilig, Lisa and **Ginny Lomel** took last fall. This crew went to Italy last November and were in Umbria and Tuscany for 10 days. Some well traveled classmates! I had dinner with **Genny Hill Tuggey** and **Pam Sabin** in March. It was a pitiful attempt at an Atlanta gathering. You Atlanta folks need to be sure to send me new email addresses. You're killing me! Pam was

promoted to Editorial Services Coordinator at Mirant, where she will publish their Annual Report and Environmental Annual Report, as well as keep their website up to date. **Karen Helms Curran** is living in East Atlanta Village, running her own interior design firm. I heard from **Katherine Van Horne Trexler**, an Atlanta refugee, who fled to Birmingham, with her husband. She moved at the end of January, and hated to leave her part-time job as the HR director for Unity Mortgage. **Wendy Potts Huckaby's** husband, Gary, is a member of the National Guard and is currently overseas in Korea. I had sent an email to **Sonya Harmeyer** to send me some news and she replied to me that she was on her way to give a briefing to congressional staff that afternoon on teacher quality. I just wanted a little gossip! **Stacy Reese Joyce** and her husband were with their daughter, Claire, in Central Park on Easter Sunday when Claire put a rock in the path of a man who was walking. Stacy scooped Claire up and the man made a comment, and it was then that Stacy realized that the very tall man was John Lithgow! **Melissa Surret Hammond** reports that she was a bridesmaid in **Anna Liz Moss Dupps'** wedding in Beaufort. Anna Liz owns an art and gift shop there called Juxtaposition. She and her new hubby live in Port Royal. **Mary Elizabeth Thompson** was also a bridesmaid and Carmella White '90 sang at the reception.

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We had such a great turn out at our ten year reunion! I hope you enjoyed the weekend and seeing everyone. Here is a list of those who made the trip: **Lynn Strickland Anderson**, **Sarah Bearden**, **Gretchen Bishop**, **Vicki Jones Bishop**, **Daisy Bouknight**, **Ashton Bozard**, **Heather Rowland Brabham**, **Ashley Burnside Brantley**, **Cindy Jerles Brown**, **Amanda Reaves Campbell**, **Tracey Chestnut Campbell**, **Andrea Rigg Clarke**, **Sheila Clark Crossley**, **Lisa Ramsey Deibel**, **Traci Dozier**, **Louisa Tindall Faile**, **Catherine Williams Frerichs**, **Angie Wilkes Gage**, **Catharine Adams Gallagher**, **Jennifer Plizga Gravely**, **Leslie Morton Harmon**, **Amy Walker Headley**, **Jacqueline Caldwell Heider**, **Cami Burton Hutchinson**, **Deborah Johnson**,



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Louise Kay, **Nancy O'Dell Keim**, **Suzette Bagwell Laney**, **Regina Lannon Maggs**, **Rose Buyck Newton**, **Karen Preacher Plettner**, **Mollie Dee Little Preacher**, **Robbie Moseley Richards**, **Julie Bazzle Sharpe**, **Brandon Davidson Shives**, **Alison Evans Smith**, **Denise Howard Stevens**, **Heather Neal Stone**, **Marcy Hindes Swan**, **Frances Taylor**, **Natalie Audish Underdown**, **Cokie Hernandez Ve'lez**, **Ellison Smith Welton**, **Danielle Osborne White**, **Beth Davenport Williams**, and **Lydia Wood**. Nancy O'Dell-Keim hasn't traveled far from our Converse home as she is the Milliken Art Gallery Director and adjunct art instructor. Her work was exhibited at the Conn Gallery in Landrum, SC in May and June. Camille "Cokie" Hernandez Ve'lez is teaching a summer art course at the Dallas Museum of Art. She reports that **Akiko Kiyosawa-Nakamura** is living in Sendia, Japan with her husband. Leslie Morton Harmon is enjoying staying home with her three beautiful children and diligently volunteering for the Epilepsy Foundation of SC. Vicki Jones Bishop is teaching music in Moore, SC at Anderson Mill Elementary and working on her National Board Certification in Music. Lisa Ramsey Deibel learned just before the reunion that she was a finalist for Teacher-of-the-Year at the high school where she teaches English. Sarah Bearden recently moved back to her hometown of Spartanburg and would love some Connie visitors. Cami Burton Hutchinson is working as a sales representative for Jessica Textiles out of Charlotte and running an antiques and home accessories business in Columbia called "Serendipity". Brandon Davidson Shives has a successful design firm in Columbia called, appropriately "Brandon Davidson Interiors" on Devine Street. She and her husband

Randolph will be getting new neighbors soon as Ashley Burnside Brantley and husband Ben are busy renovating Ben's grandmother's house around the corner from Brandon. Shelia Clark Crossley is enjoying her decision to leave the work world for the "baseball" field as she is coaching her son's t-ball team and loving it. Ellison Smith Welton and her husband, Taylor, are the proud parents of three beautiful children and the co-owners of USA Baby in Greenville. Ellison would love for those who are expecting to visit them in to Greenville to see the great baby and children's furnishings they have to offer. It was exciting to hear about the careers and businesses many of you have started and prospered with in the past ten years. In addition, I was happy to hear about many of us who have made the choice to exit the marketplace in order to stay at home and raise our families. I believe Converse provided a wonderful place to learn not only a field of study but also a sense of self. Everyone I spoke with at the reunion has great things to be proud of since receiving her education at Converse. Congratulations on all of our accomplishments! **Anna Wimberley Pierce** and I (**Ashley Thomas Little**) are excited to be your new class representatives. We would like to thank Ashley Burnside Brantley, Andrea Rigg Clarke, and Lydia Wood for the hard work and leadership they provided as our past class reps. We hope that everyone continues to keep in touch!

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10th Reunion

Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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Editor's note: Thank you to Jan Bridges for providing these notes.
Contrary to popular belief, the class of 1993 is alive and well. Thanks to all who wrote in for this edition. **Kay Sellers** is a new home owner in the Lake City Country Club. She has a Masters in Education and teaches honors and AP English and journalism at Lake City High School. I saw **Alisa Blanchard** in February and she indicated she will be moving from Atlanta to the Greenville/Spartanburg area as a result of her promotion to manager position within her pharmaceutical sales company. **Nancy Jo Dixon Walton**, who is a Methodist minister, her husband Lin, who is an Episcopal priest, and daughter Sophia (2) will be moving to Belize, Central America, in August to begin a three year mission assignment through the Episcopal Church. Nancy Jo will be serving as a pastor while Lin teaches seminary. She says that Belize will be a great place for anyone to come for a mission trip. **Maureen Zeeff Dunn** writes that she and husband Ben are doing well. They are excited about the second law office they are opening. Maureen has just returned from a trip to Europe where she visited her sister in Germany and traveled all over France with **Paula Greer**. She also tells me that **Mary Ann Bean** is working in Tampa and spent a few weeks training in the company's London offices. **Suzanne Smith Dornsmith** and her husband Eddie have moved back to North Carolina - they were living in Minnesota. She is on the ministerial staff at University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill. **Carolyn Hall Williamson** and her husband David have lots of changes going on as well. In addition to moving into a new home in June, they are starting a new United Methodist Church in southeast Orlando. **Laura Kennedy** has gotten her masters in education and is also a member of the Junior League of Spartanburg and is serving on their cookbook committee. **Cheryl Davis** wrote me a quick note right before leaving on a cruise to the Bahamas. She has one year remaining in nursing school and is still working for a mortgage company in Columbia. She and her partner, Laura Carmen, have three year old twins, Emily and Grayson. **Hope Spruell** is "taking a year off from life to figure out what to do next." This summer, she will be taking a trip out west with her mom. Hope's search reminds me of a quote... "Not all who wander are lost." **Jen Gary Baker** is now living in Hawaii with husband Spencer and their two boys, Reilly (3)

and Easton (1). Spencer will be making the rank of lieutenant this year as they celebrate their seventh anniversary. **Lisa Dunson Palmer** and her family moved to Opelika, AL in June. **Shannon Bradley Brown** and family are in Beaufort. Twins Bradley and Louis (6) are in kindergarten at the school where she teaches Spanish. I am working part time at my church as the nursery supervisor and still painting children's furniture and pottery. I am also the chair for the Junior League of Macon's Market Place - our largest fundraiser and holiday shopping mart. Take care everyone. Be certain to check the Life Events section for additional information and remember to send your news. Also make a note that our 10th reunion is in April 2003!

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Happy summer to all of our classmates! We have heard from several of our friends lately and want to keep all of you abreast of the goings on: **Angie Cox Bowers** was in touch with her contact information if you're interested in purchasing the CD recorded as a memorial to our friend and classmate **Kinsey Black Jones**. Angie's email is mangelique_bowers@hotmail.com. Contact her for additional information on that project. Classmate **Bree Bazemore Welmaker** and her family have bought a new home and moved but remain happy in Asheville. **Sheryl Jones Finley** and husband have adopted a beautiful child and are enjoying parenthood while awaiting the ministry assignment that they'll soon be receiving as his seminary study experience has concluded. **Betsy Potter** has left her job with Bic and is enjoying time at home in Greenville with daughter Catherine. Our friendly doc **Kirsten Kerr** is now calling Hickory, NC home and enjoying it. She's bought a house, joined a medical partnership and spending her free time touring the country seeing Cirque du Soleil shows. **Dawn Barnard** has sold her interest in her former partnership and is now in full recovery from the very harried tax season accounting schedule. **Alison Murphy** is returning to Atlanta—Marietta to be exact—where she's rented a house and is returning to the high school scene. She'll be Walton High's newest Latin teacher this fall. At a recent bridal shower for **Ashley Dover**, we bumped into **Martha White Waters**, **Ashley Gross Millinor**, **Natalie Davis Hall**, and **Juli**

Creek. Martha and hubby Frank continue to call Wellford home and are delighted with their young Brice and the joys and busy schedule of parenthood. Ashley has had a busy year as a sales rep with Prentice-Hall. Natalie too is staying busy as a mom in Greenville with daughter Emma and son Davis. Juli looks amazing and works in Spartanburg for the Chamber of Commerce. **Andra Garman Hawks** and husband Matt are on their last year in Memphis, TN as the Navy will probably be moving them next year. Andra has passed all of her doctoral exams and hopes to finish her dissertation in the next year. We hope this find all of our friends well and enjoying life professionally, emotionally and spiritually.

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It's time for another Class of '95 update. **Melissa Henderson Pickens** was nice enough to write in and give us all the news on everybody with whom she stays in contact. She is keeping busy in Anderson chasing after her one-year old son, Benjamin. She is also working hard with the Anderson Junior League cookbook and chairs the Converse Club of Anderson. **Amy Heymann Singleton** is a resident doctor in Winterville, NC. **Suzanne Frank Lane** and husband bought a house in Knoxville and are enjoying it. **Genia Fuller Odom** is in Opelika, AL and received a promotion at Total Systems, her place of employment. If you pick up an issue of *Shape* magazine, look for **Mary McKinley**'s name as she is one of the beauty editors and is living in New York. **Ashley McCabe Mowat** is in the process of writing a new book on teaching gifted students. **Page Spillane Gardner** is doing well in Knoxville, TN. **Harriett Reid** bought a new house and is still living in Clinton. She is teaching algebra and geometry at Thornwell while coaching track in her spare time. **Sarah Johnson Hartung** also has a new house and has her hands full running her new

business. If you need anything done, just call Sarah. She bakes cakes, plans parties, caters, and will do invitations and almost anything else. **Sarah Meeks** has decided to return to South Carolina after living in Denver for a few years. She recently bought a house in Greenville and has been catching up with Converse friends **Amanda Pyles Denney**, **Murray Cheves Thompson**, **Kerri Shinn Tankersley**, and **Mary Margaret Adams Bannister**. **Ashley Evans Harper** is keeping busy with her own business in Columbia. **Anne Harvin Gavin Smoak** moved into a new house in Columbia. **Jennifer Smith Davis** has her hands full with new little girl, Anna. Ashley, Jennifer, Anne Harvin, and **Stefanie Melehes Hughes** get together for dinner in Columbia every few weeks. **Kristi Goodwin Connell** is living in Augusta and working for the District Attorney's office. **Mary Cameron Cleckly Stoner** and her son, Miles, and **Marian Epps Dean** and her son, Will, helped **Ray Piper Bryant** and her son, Hampton, celebrate Hampton's first birthday recently. The three of them as well as **Missy Stuart Dillmon** and daughter, Madeline, had a mini-reunion last fall at which time the moms found Red Devil Halloween costumes for the little ones. What a picture! Missy is currently doing her residency in Birmingham, AL. **Mary Lucia Solomon Spake** has returned to work at the Children's Hospital in Richmond, VA. She enjoys having classmate **Mary Margaret Wright Ryan** and her family as close neighbors. **Stella McLendon Smith** has also returned to work in Blakely, GA. Hope everyone is having a great summer.

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It appears that the class of '96 is in the midst of a baby boom. We proudly welcome recent additions to the families of our classmates. Be certain to read the Life Events section for the information. Converse attendants in the wedding of **Holly Hepfer Reed** were **Leigh Edmunds McLaurin** and **Dawn Willis Durham**. **Susie Sparrow Dekle** read

scripture. Quite a crew of Converse grads were in attendance: **Anna Boyle Roberts**, **April Pace Vail**, **Shelley "Barbara" Latham**, **Rhett Boyd Leake**, **Amy Quinn**, **Heidi Ruehl**, **Beth Farmer**, **Andrea Wyrosdick**, **Ryan Revis Stewart**, **Emma Carmichael Harrill**, **Jenny Williams**, Erin Rich '98, Heather Eldridge '97, and Angel Stewart Young '94. **Jinny Meyers Burford** continues to enjoy teaching 1st grade. She and husband Ken live in Whittier, CA outside of LA where he is currently the youth pastor at their church. **Jennifer Nelson Crotts** was graduated from UGA last May with a M.Ed. in special education. **Rebecca Berry Williams** has completed the application and interview process for her pre-doctoral internship in psychology. She was matched with Butler University and Behavior Corporation. Rebecca and husband, Brent, will move to Indianapolis in July and Brent will be going back to Chicago in September to begin medical school. Luckily, the close distance will allow them to commute! Good luck, Becca and Brent! **Jenna Aldridge Barrett** is no longer teaching and is now a stay-at-home mom with Lake (1). Our Washington friend, **Patricia Doty**, is going to work for a fundraiser, Brandon Winfrey. **Catherine Cranford** and **Pam Hughes Foster** bumped into one another in Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Pam says Catherine caught her first sailfish and is "hooked" on fishing. Congrats to the class of 1996 on all of their continued success! Don't forget to check the Life Events section. Keep us posted with all of your news.

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WOW! What a successful reunion! I want to welcome Catherine and Gretchen who graciously agreed to assist me in writing these notes. A BIG thanks goes out to Heather and Amanda for their work over the past five years! You ladies have been incredible! During the reunion weekend, we chatted with **Catherine Alexander** who is still working with US Foodservice in Greenville. **Gretchen Barwegen Bagwell**, who brought along her good-sport husband, Eric, caught us up on her two-year-old son, Grant. **Rachel Chartrand Berry** brought seven-month-old daughter, Madeline, to the reunion. It was great to see such a young Connie! We visited with **Jennifer Coggins Reese** who is teaching special education at Boilings Spring Elementary School and **Laura Marchant Williams** who is with Workspaces in Greenville. **Ginger Crawford Phillips**, the new Director of the Converse Fund, encouraged us to give money to the Annual Fund. We had a class participation of 25.2%, our second highest percentage of giving since our graduation. Thanks to those of you that pledged money to the Fund! **Caroline Taylor** picked up **Amanda Taylor** and **Jennifer Schwartz** in Atlanta and brought them to Spartanburg. Amanda is in Houston, TX working as an Investor Relations Coordinator for Houston Partnership. Jennifer is working for Delta and Caroline is with the Alumni Association at Georgia Tech. **Carey Usher Mitchell** is now working at Mary Baldwin

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Anastasia Charambakos '98

An incident at birth ensured that Anastasia Charambakos '98 would experience the world in a much different way than her classmates. "I was born four months premature," says Ana, "and weighed exactly one pound. After being placed in an incubator, I was given too much oxygen and lost my sight."

But Ana, who came to Converse set on majoring in voice, has never thought of her blindness as a disability in the least, and has always been able to succeed. "I'm able to do things just as a sighted person is. There are times when I rely on other people but that's not a problem. For example, when I came to Converse, I worked with a mobility instructor for about eight months to really learn my way around campus. But once I was comfortable with things, everything was fine." Ana ended up changing her major from voice to history and graduated right on time in four years.

There are many aspects to Ana's personality, but perhaps the strongest is a desire to help other people. She recently accepted an appointment with the Peace Corps to teach English as a second language to youth in Morocco. She has postponed that position, however, while she works in the sales department of Freedom Scientific, a company that provides assistance to visually impaired people such as herself. "Freedom Scientific is a company that is committed to helping people with sensory impairments and learning disabilities by creating innovative, technology based products and solutions," says Ana. "I know the effectiveness of these products very well because I use them myself."

College as an assistant professor of sociology after graduating from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a PhD in medical sociology. **Holly Waters Hartell**, **Karen Wingard**, and **Charity Rollins** were at the reunion. **Leigh Anne Ward**, **Dawne Copeland Bendig**, **Katie Neal Fort**, **Sarah George Corley**, **Heather Mathias Davis**, **Allison Partridge**, **Shannon Smith Darby**, **Jennifer Griggs Schulze**, **Shannon Gosnell Bishop**, **Heather Eldridge**, **Leslie Hembree**, and **Sarah Montgomery McSwain**, all teaching, were also at the reunion to enjoy the fun! We got to see pictures of **Lisa Spratlin Hoffman's** daughter, Emily, at her first birthday and visit with **Helen Alderman**, who drove from Atlanta, and **Amy Eberhardt Moore** who came from Columbia. While visiting, we found out that **Kim Varnadoe Bearden** is working for the SC Manufacturers Alliance. We also enjoyed seeing **Eleanor Smoak Connelly**, **Donna Pallassino Evans**, **Merri Christy Harmon**, **Margaret Ann Jackson**, **Shelley Jones Kender**, **Jennifer Buchanan Kurecka**, **Stephanie Shelley Lake**, **Allison Cooper Malady**, **Tally Smith Messer**, **Susan Miskelly**, **Daphne Robinson Petros**, **Jennifer Stewart**, and **Kellie Walker**. Make sure that you keep in touch with us over the summer and throughout the year!

CLASS OF 1998 5th Reunion Alumnae Weekend, 2003

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Happy summer to everyone. We have a few exciting job promotions to mention but a little short on news. We will go with the old "no news is good news" idea. **Angela Mills** is the new Business Developer for Webolutions, Inc., a communications web design firm. She will be in charge of web based operations and traffic building programs. **Helen Walker** is the new Counsel to Congressman Jeff Miller from Florida and will be in charge of many exciting topics such as Education and Veterans Affairs. **Erin Rich**, who is still with Swaim Brown and Elliott CPA firm in Spartanburg, was promoted to Senior Accountant of Audit and Tax. Congratulations to all these incredible women and their successful careers! **Shayle Abelkop** is working on a second master's degree from the University of Georgia in Instructional Technology. She completed an internship this past spring at a local middle school assisting with their wireless laptop initiative. On a final note, **Betsy Pringle** has willingly accepted the fun job of writing our

class notes! Erin and Ann have enjoyed this task since graduation but are thrilled to pass it on and know Betsy will do an awesome job. Thanks for keeping us posted the last four years.

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Editor's Note: Many thanks to Mary Catherine Potter Mitchell and Ashley Grimsley Reynolds for providing these notes.

K. Julie Cox is working as a clinical research associate for SCIREX Corp. where she is monitoring and auditing clinical pharmaceutical studies for the FDA. She recently purchased a home in her hometown of Johnson City, TN. **Becca Jenkins** is also living in Johnson City and working as an admissions counselor for East Tennessee State University and taking graduate courses in art at ETSU. **Michaux Lane Waughtel** and husband Jason have bought a house in Charlotte. She is teaching 1st grade in Gastonia and Jason is with Bank of America. **Bebe Gore** is living in Hartsville where she is employed by the Darlington Disabilites and Special Needs Board as an Early Interventionist. **Kathryn Hoy Kaufman** and her family are in Charleston. **Ashley Cothran** is currently employed as an interior designer with McMillan Smith and Partners Architect in Spartanburg. **Ashley Grimsley Reynolds** and husband Ryan are new homeowners and trade renovation tips and nightmare stories with **Rebekah Herndon Leslie** and husband Allen, who are also renovating a house in Bennettsville. Ashley has been promoted to HR manager for her company's production and distribution centers and Ryan is now with Extended Stay America. Be certain to see the Life Events section for additional news of our class.

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Many of our classmates visited the Converse campus on May 4th to remember our dear friend **Jennifer Nodine**. We will forever miss the sweet spirit and dedication of our sister. **Kathleen Harry** is teaching in a four year old kindergarten with First Steps. **Veronica Wells** is teaching 3rd grade at Crosswell Elementary. **Erin Patterson** is finishing her masters degree in vocal performance at Belmont University and will be teaching voice, piano, and Kindermusik part-time. **Elizabeth Anne Joyner** has been working with Junior League and will be featured in a video throughout Florida dealing with issues for the deaf and hard of hearing. **Allyson Lowder** and **Anne Jenkinson** are in Charlotte, NC where Anne is working for BB&T in the Treasury Services Department and Allyson is working at Presbyterian Hospital as she attends nursing school at Queens. **Britney Jeffords** and **Meredith Sims** are in Europe for an extended stay. **Amy Baer** is living in Hendersonville, NC coaching the Converse Equestrian Team and running a catering business out of the Elizabeth Leigh Inn. She is also going to culinary school to get her executive chef degree. **Laura Phillips** has moved to New York City and is working at Tishman Speyer Properties in the Property Management Office at Rockefeller Center. **Ginny Flowers** is living in Charleston and has received her Masters in Health Administration from MUSC. It has been so much fun for us to hear of your news

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and accomplishments. As the summer approaches and we reunion for the many weddings or parties, we are reminded of how special the friendships are that we have made at Converse!

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Approximately 20 of us gathered at various times during the Reunion 2002 weekend for our first reunion since graduation. Please note our new class representatives and their

contact information in the class notes heading. **Laura Massey** is in the DC area where she works for the United States Naval Audit Service and judges for Model League. **Stacey Mulligan** is also in DC and works for the National Archive and Records Administration Office of the Federal Registrar. Her job responsibilities include being a writer/editor in presidential and legislative affairs. **Andrea Boltz** has begun substitute teacher work. **Trisha Priester** is working in Columbia for the government concerning child safety and seat belts. **Kathy Anne Poore** and **Jessica Hundley** are going into the nursing field. **Pamela Holliday Moore** has gone back to school and is studying counseling. We missed everyone who could not be at the reunion. Check the Life Events section for more news about our classmates. Please stay in touch!

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To the newest members of the Alumnae Association we offer congratulations! You are a spectacular class and we look forward to hearing from you. Your class representatives are listed above—keep in touch with them. Your first reunion will be the last weekend in April 2003 and we can't wait to see you again! In the meantime keep us informed of your whereabouts and activities! Warm regards from the Alumnae Office.

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